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# POWDER PUFFS!

## Eusebio's partner

Billy Wilkinson limbers up before taking the field for his first game as player-coach of George Cross.

Wilkinson, former Hull City star who had two years with Eusebio and the Boston Minutemen in the U.S., led the Cross to a 1-0 victory over Altona in the Victorian Ampol Cup series last Saturday night.

Photo by SAM BELFONTE.

## Bogicevic tears apart the soft socceroos

BY TOM ANDERSON

**The Australian Socceroos have forgotten how they won through to the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany!**

*This was painfully obvious in their 1-3 defeat by Red Star Belgrade at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday.*

**And just in case national coach Jim Shoulder does not know how Australia won through, I will now tell him.**

It was through guts, determination, hard tackling and a well organised defence.

It was through realising the capabilities of the Australian players and playing to their strengths and covering up for their weaknesses.

**Last Sunday the Socceroos looked like a load of powder puffs, compared with the no-nonsense hard-tackling team of a few years ago.**

On this performance the Socceroos were just not hard enough and not nearly positive enough, so let's hope they adopt a different attitude at Olympic Park on Saturday and in Sydney tonight (Wednesday).

Sure, it's nice to see the ball pushed around in short passes and if looks pretty, but it's not positive and just does not gain results.

And let's face it, at the present time it's not pretty football that is needed — it's results.

**Pretty football does not win World Cup preliminary games and this is the whole object of the exercise.**

The Socceroos' biggest failing on Sunday was trying to take Red Star on at its own game, which is ridiculous.

**For the simple fact of the matter is, Australia is not nearly good enough to do this.**

We are only part-time professionals while they are the elite of professional Europe.

So why on earth try it, when most people know it will fail?

**The Australians' weaknesses were in their defensive structure, which looked all at sea under pressure.**

It seemed as if some players had been given orders to man-to-man mark and others did not bother to mark at all!

Mind you, much of this trouble was caused by the fact that the Socceroos have three attacking midfielders in **Jimmy Rooney, Agenor Muniz** and **Gary Byrne.**

This is like committing suicide. There must be a destructive midfielder in the team, and the sooner coach **Jimmy Shoulder** admits to this, the better.

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Mordechai Spiegler

## Israel special next week

**Next week's "Soccer Action" will be a special souvenir edition to mark the visit of the Israeli national team.**

**Israel will play against Australia in Melbourne on February 12 at Olympic Park and again in Sydney on February 16.**

**The first match between the two countries was a World Cup clash in Tel Aviv in 1969.**

**Israel won that game 1-0 and drew the return in Sydney 1-1 to advance to the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico.**

**Attila Abonyi is the only Australian player from those matches still left in the team.**

**Israel has three "survivors" — defenders David Primo and Shraga Bar and forward Mordechai Spiegler.**

**Altogether, Israel and Australia have met eight times, with Israel winning three games, drawing three and losing two.**

**The most recent match was in Tel Aviv late last year when the teams drew 1-1.**

**Afterwards, the teams accused each other of rough play.**

**Malmillian scored for Israel and captain Peter Wilson for Australia.**

**Games between Australia and Israel never fail to generate excitement of a special kind.**

**The reasons are that they are so closely matched and that there is always the chance of them having to play each other in a World Cup elimination match, as both are in the Asian Zone.**

**Australia has visited Israel four times but this is only the second time that Israel has come to Australia.**

**The first time was in 1971 when the teams played three matches for a record of 2-2 in Brisbane, 1-0 for Australia in Sydney and 3-1 for Israel in Melbourne.**

**Hero of Australia's victorty is Sydney was Alan Ainslie, then with St. George, who scored the winning goal.**

## Weinstein 'no' to Red Star game

**Footscray J.U.S.T. has failed in a bid to stage a match against Red Star of Belgrade at Olympic Park next Tuesday night.**

J.U.S.T. was willing to pay more than $10,000 to meet the stars from Yugolsavia, who had requested that a game against J.U.S.T. be included in their itinerary.

All arrangements for the game had been completed. Then **Michael Weinstein,** the chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, returned from an overseas trip and banned the match.

Weinstein claimed that such a match would adversely affect gate takings at Australia's game against Red Star at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Weinstein argued that were Red Star to beat Australia in their first two games in Sydney, supporters may pass up the third match in favor of Red Star's meeting with J.U.S.T.

Weinstein is also a vice-president of the Autralian Soccer Federation.

When controversy over the game began to mount, J.U.S.T. sought an urgent VSF board meeting on the subject. No board meeting was scheduled before the proposed match, and under VSF rules, Weinstein has the

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# Trophy offered for best Ampol Cup player

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**For the first time since 1970, a trophy will be awarded to the best player in the preliminary rounds of the Victorian Ampol Cup series.**

The winner in 1970 was the great J.U.S.T. forward **Tommy Stankovic,** then 38 years old.

The award was organised by the defunct newspaper **"Soccer News"** and the trophy was provided by Ampol.

Votes out of 10 were awarded to all players by **"Soccer News"** writers.

Leading vote-getters were: 20. **Stankovic;** 19. **Irvine** (Juventus), **Kinnell** (Juventus), **Makay** (Croatia), **Rau** (Croatia), **Rajher** (Croatia); 18. **McCarthy** (Lions), **Smart** (Lions), **Reilly** (Polonia), **Pygall** (Wilhelmina), **Gorrie** (Hellas), **Vojtek** (Croatia); 17. **Cirkovic** (JUST), **Micic** (JUST), **Baker** Hakoah), **Evans** (Lions), **Murney** (Liony), **Reilly** (Juventus), **Salisbury** (Juventus), **Bryan Thomson** (Juventus), **Knot** (Polonia), **Millar** (Polonia), **Czapnik** (Polonia), **Kelly** (Hellas), **Bedford** Hellas, **Walker** Hellas), **Bot** (Croatia), **Gunn** (Croatia).

Only six of those players are left to vie for the 1976 award.

They are, (present clubs in brackets): **Irvine** (Frankson), **McCarthy** (Sunshine), **Vojtek** (Essendon), **Baker** (Hakoah), **Czapnik** (Polonia) and **Gunn** (Essendon).

Votes for the 1977 award will be cast by referees, who will award any total up to 10 to the man of the match.

The name of the best player of each game will be released to the Press, but not the amount of votes.

This will make it more likely for the result to be in doubt until the end.

**Sunshine City's dynamic forward Tommy Cumming must be favored to win the award provided he gets fitter than he showed on Saturday.**

Cumming was in the running for all the top awards last season. He was a hard worker and a goalscorer — the type that can't help but catch the referee's eye.

If Cumming is out of form, the field will be wide open.

Essendon Lions have two contenders — **Billy Vojtek,** who is sure to have a new lease of life after being transferred from Juventus, and young **Branko Culina** who played exciting soccer in two games against visiting Hertha 03 of Berlin early in January.

There's also **John Gardiner** — but his chances will depend upon how many games he misses before returning from Scotland.

George Cross has leading contenders in centre back **Norm Maitland** and forward **Paul Murphy.**

Maitland, reconciled with the Cross after seeking a transfer to Altona, was acknowledged by most of the top forwards as having been the best centre back in the league last season.

Murphy often made **Ken Wagstaff** look better than he was by doing Wagstaff's running and grafting for him.

Murphy is still one of the toughest and most effective strikers in the league.

George Cross has yet another contender in goalkeeper **Lou Kastner,** a match-winner and vote-getter when his team's chips are down.

One player whose fitness is usually unaffected by the Christmas break is Sunshine's **Frank Mussell.** Whether he be struggling despite the astute coaching of **Bobby McLachlan.**

However, the Italian outfit has a regular vote-getter in full back **Fausto Tarquinio,** a leading candidate for the best player's award provided he is not troubled by his old leg injury.

Hakoah's **David Baker** is among the plays as centre back or in midfield, he will be a dark horse in the voting.

Juventus, without **Billy Vojtek, Ulysses Kokkinos** who wants more money and **Claude Lucchesi** who wants a transfer, may best defenders in the League despite his mediocre form last season. He and team mate **Steve Gadsby** are due for a comeback, and either is capable of winning the trophy.

**Chris Kent, Keith Adams and David Garthwaite are the leading contenders at Ringwood Wilhelmina.**

Adams would be the most conspicuous of the trio on 1976 form, but Kent is capable of much better things than he showed last year, and new coach **Dick van Alphen** will expect him to give his best.

**Sandy Irvine, former international and State star, will pick up votes galore with Frankston City.**

He is brilliant in the air, uncompromising in the tackle and his furious dashes upfield are spectacular even to a referee.

Polonia is too often ignored by the referees.

**Marian Jaworski,** Polonia's best player last year, didn't pick up a single vote in the Rothmans Medal referees' voting.

**Let's hope that the situation changes.**

Jaworski is a worthy challenger for the best player's trophy, as are his team mates **George Nierobisz,** a hard-working, hard-shooting midfielder; big defender **Eddy Marmur** and captain **Andy Czapnik.**

Right back **Stan Klein** and left back **Barney Klimecki** also have strong claims.

**Midfielders Tommy Fox and Frank McAleer hold Makedonia's hopes in the voting, but some chance must also be given to consistent full back Steve Trajkovski.**

Altona City's **Tony Hamill,** a prolific goalscorer last season, will be in the running if he has the enthusiasm to produce his best.

Hamill wants a transfer but any move has been prevented by the $10,000 transfer fee placed on him by the club.

**Green Gully Ajax has an eye-catching player in Roy Collins, who won the First Division best player award last year.**

Ajax has other capable men in **John Grady** (ex Kellor City), **David Cole** and **Mick Banagan** (ex Sunshine City).

Slavia's hopes, now that **Jim Tansey** and **Jim O'Reilly** are gone, will rest with stalwart **Jim Train,** goalkeeper **Peter Clarke** and striker **Carl Gilder** who was excellent against Hertha 03.

Sunshine forward Tommy Cumming — favorite for best player award.

Jim Train (Slavia)

Dave Baker (Hakoah)

Paul Murphy (Geo. Cross)

Sandy Irvine (Frankston)

Keith Adams (Ringwood)

John Grady (Green Gully).

Branko Culina (Essendon)

Tommy Fox (Makedonia)

John Gardiner (Essendon)

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# $6000-$7000 STEVE'S PRICE!

Steve Kokoska — itching to get away.

**Steve Kokoska's price is not $12,000. It's not even $9,500.**

That's the word from Sunshine president **Tony Buxton,** who was defending his club against claims that it was keeping Kokoska out of soccer by demanding too high a transfer fee for him.

**Buxton said Sunshine would let Kokoska go for between $6000 and $7000.**

"However, we would of course prefer him to stay at Sunshine," he said.

"We have had no official offers for him but if he really wants to go we are open to such offers.

"We want only a reasonable price for a good player. The claims in the Press that we are seeking from $9500 to $12,000 are utter rubbish."

Kokoska, 25, started with Sunshine's under 12s and has played about 250 senior league games. He was captain last year and won the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award apart from being included in the national B squad.

# CONTRACTS —CARE IS URGED

**Most transfer hassles could be averted if players took more care when they signed their contract form.**

This is the major conclusion reached by "Soccer Action" after a further survey of the transfer market.

In fact, it would appear that when it comes to dealing with clubs, players are their own worst enemies.

Carried away by the euphoria of signing for a weekly wage, they seldom bother to read the details until too late and often they are horrified to find that the club has an option on their services, for example.

While we would draw the line at suggesting every player should engage a lawyer before signing a contract, we do urge that they take the contract home and study it before signing.

With our present part-time set-up there is no prospect of the formation of a players' union for a long time, so it is up to individual players to look after their own interests, and they would do well to follow the example of Ian Gibson, who insisted on a clause being inserted in his contract that stipulated a maximum transfer fee.

While we understand the Federation's attitude that it is only the registering body and therefore can take no part in disputes over contracts, we feel nevertheless that a directive to all players and secretaries of clubs, for that matter, from the secretary of the V.S.F., would help to clear up a lot of confusion.

This could be incorporated in the V.S.F. annual handbook with benefit to all, for many club officials embark on the difficult task of club secretary without any aid except their own enthusiasm.

# Kinnell coming

**George Kinnell (right) may return to Juventus! George came to Australia in 1969 after giving great service to Sunderland and Stoke City. He captained the mighty Juventus team that swept all before it in 1970. After leaving Juventus he played for Western Suburbs (Sydney) before coaching Olympic in West Australia.**

# Taking on a man

**Two Frankston players demonstrate the art of taking 'em on during their Victorian Ampol Cup match against Slavia.**

**Above: Billy Buchanan is about to bring the ball down in front of Les Owens, while, at left: Andy Savage prepares to go around Jim Symington.**

**Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.**

# Red star game off

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power to make decisions on his own.

This board meeting never eventuated.

Instead, the VSF sedt the ASF a letter asking the ASF's attitude to the proposed J.U.S.T. game.

When no official reply had arrived by Friday, "Soccer Action" rang ASF secretary **Brian le Fevre** in Sydney. Le Fevre echoed Weinstein's statements.

**In doing so, he warded off any danger of the issue being seen as the first State v. National League clash — for it is the ASF that controls the National League.**

The unfortunate thing about the whole business is that there was apparently no unity of opinion within the VSF itself.

Apparently both VSF president **Theo Marmaras** and VSF secretary **George Wallace** led J.U.S.T. president **Tony Kovac** to believe that there would be no objections to the proposed match provided it was played 48 hours before or after the Australia v. Red Star game on Saturday.

Kovac then went ahead with the arrangements, which involved the co-operation of Yugoslav diplomats, the Red Star party, and the Yugoslav community in Adelaide which had to reschedule a welcoming ball to allow Red Star to stay longer in Melbourne.

(Red Star will play against South Australia in Adelaide next Wednesday).

# Sydney Scene

**with TOM ANDERSON**

Wollongong striker **Phil O'Connor** — Australia's most sought after footballer, has joined PSL club St George.

Saints manager-coach **Manfred Schaefer** signed O'Connor for an estimated $8000 plus former Socceroo goalkeeper **Jim Fraser** going to Wollongong as part of the deal.

O'Connor signed a three-year contract and on an incentive basis could earn around $30,000 during his spell with the Saints.

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APIA's big defender and Socceroo star **Col Bennett** agreed to join Brisbane Lions, coached by **Les Scheinflug.**

However a clause in the contract stated that Bennett can return to APIA at the end of the season for the same fee — $7000.

Could it be that APIA is changing its thoughts on PSL membership?

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PSL club Brisbane City made a swoop on Sydney last week and fixed up two players.

They are Wollongong midfielder **Larry Gaffney** and Granville midfielder **Brian Northcote.**

Only minor details are to be concluded before both these players take off for Banana land!

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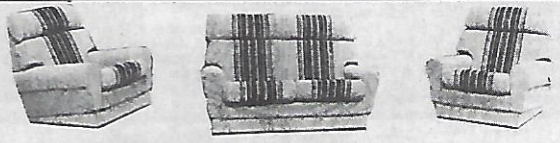
Sydney Olympic's talented midfielder **Rudi Gnavi** says he will not play for the culub again.

South American Gnavi claims his contract with the club has been broken and has put his case in the hands of a prominent Sydney solicitor.

However Olympic is adamant that this very talented player will not be allowed to leave and fireworks are expected!

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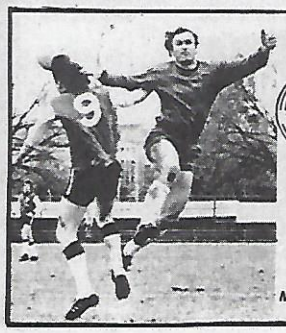

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# Sunshine loses its sparkle

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Makedonia had no striking power to speak of, yet managed to beat Sunshine 2-0.**

Most of Makedonia's drive came from left back Lube Petrovski, midfielder Steve Beech and new centre back Frank McAleer who had a brilliant flying header at goal saved by John Scholten.

Sunshine's defeat illustrated just how much it relies on its champion defender Steve Kokoska.

With Kokoska out of the side and seeking a transfer, Sunshine's defence always looked brittle, although makeshift centre back Kaz Piotrowski battled valiantly.

It doesn't help to blame the goals on silly mistakes, even though that was the case. The fact is that without Kokoska, the defence will continue to struggle.

While Sunshine has lost its backbone, Makedonia has gained one in McAleer, a polished, strong defender with a lot of Scottish professional experience.

He is in the mould of George Kinnell, the former Juventus idol who may be returning to that club from Perth any day now.

If McAleer and Petrovski were impressve, then a word of praise must also go to Morris Comar, a youngster playing his first senior game for Makedonia.

Comar played with encouraging confidence and even had a few shots at goal.

It was surprising that Makedonia played as well as it did, for six players were missing from the 1976 team — Billy McIntyre who's gone to Albion Rovers, Cele Presilski who wants to join Keilor City, Brian Flaherty, Jim Quinn and John Bernard who are back in the U.K. and Jim McCracken, about whom we have not heard.

The good news is that Bernard and Flaherty, at least, are expected back within the next few weeks.

On top of that, a few new recruits should also arrive soon, making Makedonia a force to be reckoned with this year.

Sunshine will improve on this showing. It can't get much worse!

Most of the players were below form — which, after all, is not surprising in any Ampol Cup.

Tommy Cumming, back from Scotland, was busy but not as sharp as he should be. This will undoubtedly be rectified.

I liked young Kieron Coyle, playing only his second or third senior game. He's big, strong and aggressive for his age and he appears to have a bright future.

Among the spectators at the game was Ray Pocock, the Sunshine striker, who's been out of action for so long.

Pocock assured me that he is intent on making a strong comeback and he should be in the team for Sunshine's next match.

Makedonia opened the scoring in the 26th minute when, after a blatant handball, Valdo Stojanovski slipped past Peter Lewis and eluded Piotrowski before stabbing the ball under John Scholten.

The second goal came in the 59th minute when substitute David Jones rammed a headed clearance by Piotrowski into the net, past Scholten who was badly positioned.

**Altona forward Nat Little shields the ball on the ground as George Cross forward Peter Ebini storms in, backed up by Paul Murphy.**

# 'New look' Park, players

By LES SHORROCK

**For the soccer-starved fans, opening night finally came round on Friday and it was good to see Olympic Park again, especially as it has had a face-lift.**

Frank White, who has succeeded Jack Pollard as director, has gone about his task with zest and seems to have infected his staff with his enthusiasm, for everyone, from the doormen onwards, seemed to be friendlier and brighter, or was it the new uniforms?

The public should appreciate the changes at the Park, for after the Velez Mostar affair the entrances have been built in Swan Street and access is much smoother. Yes everybody at the Park had a bright face except poor Jim Paul and he was looking extremely lugubrious.

The Olympic Park pitch is groundsman Jim's pride and joy and on Friday his greensward looked immaculate, smooth enough for a bowling green. In fact, except for a hideous mottled patch about five yards square in one corner, where persons unknown had caused the grass to wither, dispite his ministrations.

'I wouldn't mind', said Jim 'but it's right in front of the Press Box?

Never mind, Jim, after Alan Coles had dispensed a little hospitality (a nice touch this, by Frank White), the Pressmen weren't feeling the teeniest bit critical.

Well, not about the ground anyway — the soccer was a different matter.

And so to the opening game.

Slavia looked a trifle unfamiliar, for not only were they without the two Jims (Tansey and O'Reilly, that is) but they sported a new strip which was a big improvement on the old one, which always reminded me of Blackburn Rovers, circa 1930. I liked their fluorescent pink shinguards too.

The game opened brightly too, as if the lads had decided it wasn't a hot night and they were going to ignore the weather anyway.

The upstarts from the Metro League were soon buzzing about, and it appeared that Sandy Irvine had adopted a libero role, for there he was galloping through the meddle, with his stockings over his ankles (nopink shinguards for Sandy) and combining well with Andy Savage was just wide again, after Bill Buchanan had cleverly bamboozled Frank Thompson before squaring the ball across the box.

Mark Dall, making his debut in the senior team, was prominent too, but Slavia pulled themselves together and Dave O'Halloran's shot had Terry Hawke scrambling to tip it round for a corner.

In Slavia's next attack, Carl Gilder's shot took a bad bounce and Hawke was thankful to hold it. Then it was Buchanan again, pushing forward to shoot just off target.

The Slavia backs were lying wide and square, and the long through ball seemed likely to catch them napping. One did at the 25th minute, and Andy Savage seizing on it, set off towards goal with only Peter Clarke to beat.

As the goalie warily advanced, Savage seemed to hesitate, and in the last second before shooting he was run down by Slavia's Captain Jim Symington, and the golden chance was gone.

This led to a certain amount of arm waving between the Slavia back four and Clarke, but it was a lucky escape for them. Right on half-time, Slavia should have taken the lead when Gilder's fierce snap shot from close range was desperately parried by Hawke, and the ball ran clear to Colin Mitchell, who took careful aim and hit the post.

The ball rolled along the goalline under the horrified gaze of the Frankston defence, hit the opposite post and went out of play.

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It took Slavia just five minutes after the interval to break the deadlock, and it was their most dangerous forward, Gilder, who did the damage. He won the ball and slipped it to Dave Ripley who hooked it out of the diving Hawke's hands, side-stepped him, and popped it home.

All the running seemed to have gone out of Frankston and Slavia were well on top. In a hectic sequence of events, Dave Pye headed what seemed a certain goal past Hawke, only for Sam Murray to appear out of nowhere and head the ball away and then not to be out-done, he kicked the return shot off the line!

Shades of Horatius at the Bridge!

Sandy Irvine, who had been very quiet, suddenly embarked on another long run before presenting Mark Dall with a clear chance but the Slavia defence closed on the youngster causing him to shoot hurriedly and wide.

Slavia sewed up the game in the 65th and 67th minutes when Carl Gilder scored twice. His first was a gem, as he had his back to the goal when he received the ball, but he swivelled round and hooked it wide of an astonished Hawke.

Two minutes later Dave Ripley repaid him for the first goal with a neat pass, which Gilder banged home. In the dying minutes, Slavia brought on Habbin for Mitchell and Frankston took off Alf Neri to bring on Billy Lewis who soon made his presence felt but to no avail.

# New pavilion for Springvale

**Victorian First Division club Springvale City hopes to have a $75,000 pavilion at its ground late this year.**

**Talks are now taking place with the Springvale Council.**

**The club has taken over the Pegasus women's team and is seeking more girls. Training is at Ross Reserve on Wednesday nights at 7 o'clock.**

**Springvale's juniors start training in the second week of February on the same days as last year.**

**Coaches are required for the under 10 and under 11 teams. Anyone interested should ring John Speelmeyer on 615 5795 (work) or 547 4724 (home).**

# RECRUIT DRIVE BY JUVENTUS, HAKOAH

By LES SHORROCK

**Two more clubs join in the Ampol Cup on Friday night, namely Hakoah and Juventus, who oppose each other in the opening game. Both clubs had a poor season in 1976, Juventus finishing 10th and Hakoah 11th and both have a lot of re-building to do.**

At this stage, it is a little hard to decide which club is the worse off for playing strength.

Hakoah have acquired two players from Gisborne, New Zealand, in Bernie Parkin and Mike de Placido, and of course the irrepressible Mike O'Hara is back from his travels (but where is John Fraser?) On the other hand they have parted with their best forward, Johnny Wallace who has gone to Essendon Lions for $2000. An interesting feature of the Hakoah squad for their opening game is that it includes no fewer than four of the Victorian U 16 squad that won the National Youth Championship in 1974.

They are Alec Marshall, Chris Vallie, Les Nagy, and Lou Jordanou. Sam Meyer has been confirmed as coach for this season, with Harry Sutherland as manager, and Arthur Coates trainer.

Nobody is more conscious of Juventus' shortcomings last season then new coach Bobby McLachlan, but he assures me that the committee is right behind him in an effort to bring the Italian supporters a team that they can be proud of.

"I don't expect a great deal from them in the Ampol Cup", says Bobby "but the League is something else again."

Well, Bobby always knows what he is talking about and he has a man-sized task on his hands, for besides the departure of Billy Vojtek to Lions last week, he has to contend with the absence of Ian Marshall who is overseas, and Ulysses (the Wanderer) Kokkinos, and not forgetting John and Claude Lucchesi who are hawking themselves round the National League clubs.

However, he is energetically seeking players and is looking forward to welcoming Gerard Bannon, youngest of the Bannon brothers on February 5.

Bannon has played for Broxburn, like his brothers, and also in South Africa.

Juventus are also negotiating to bring back George Kinnell, a stalwart of their palmy days in 1970. He would bring experience and leadership back to the side. Probable line-ups.

**HAKOAH:** O'Hara, Harburn, Parkin, Jordanou, Dosen, Baker, Gadsby, Blair, Lukic, Nagy, Edmondson, De Placido, Valui, Marshall, Stewart.

**JUVENTUS:** Harby, Terzini, Bonfieni, Tarquino, Barberi, Caruso, Pfisterer, Della Rocca, Sanipoli, Sabadussi, Di Marchi, Santangelo.

The second game on Friday night sees George Cross opposed to Sunshine City.

I shouldn't image there would be any changes in the Cross team that defeated Altona but Sunshine will make a few, I'm sure.

Firstly, they have parted with Chris Petrov to Preston in exchange for Stewart Gilmour and a fee. Then they welcomed the return of Ray Pocock from the West.

These two are almost certain to play and I would also imagine that Billy Cree would not persist with the experiment of playing Kaz Piotrowski at the back and Frank Mussel up front.

Attendances on the opening nights were 2800 on Friday and 3300 on Saturday, not more than 4000 as stated on a TV program but good for a holiday weekend, nevertheless.

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# ROUND ONE DETAILS

ESSENDON LIONS 1 (Grujicic 67th.) GREEN GULLY AJAX O.
Teams, with player ratings out 10:
ESSENDON: Petrovski 6; Ivanovic 5, Gunn, Kulyk 7, G. Train 6; Wallace 5, Grujicic 7; Culina 4, Kuzmanov 6, Vojtek 5, Murphy 4.
GREEN GULLY: Mick Borg 6; P. Banagan 6, Mario Borg 6, Marshall 7, Cole 6, T. Banagan 4, M. Banagan 4 (Segi 54th), Thompson 6, Tribuzzio 4, Collins 4, Grady 7.
Referee: Zoumas 5.
Attendance (double header): 2564.

ALTONA CITY O GEORGE CROSS 1 (Ebini 40th.)
ALTONA: Van der Poel 7, Ackers 4, Lord 4, Gramsbergen 4, Murray 4, Cooper 4, Davidson 5, Hamill 4, Watters 4, Little 4, Curcio 3.
GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6, Cutajar 5, Barron 4, Deeming 5, Maitland 5, Kelly 5, Lawler 5, Wilkinson 7, Murphy 6, Webb 4, Ebini 6,.
Referee: Fearn 6.

SLAVIA 3 (Ripley 40th, Gilder 63rd, O'Halloran 65th) FRANKSTON 0.
FRANKSTON: Hawke 4, Merrick 4, Irvine 6, Adams 4, Murray 4, Neri 4, Pryde 4, Shanks 4, Savage 4, Buchanan 6, Dall 3, Lewis (sub).
SLAVIA: Clarke 4, Train 4, Thompson 4, Kelly 4, Owens 5, Symington 5, Ripley 6, O'Halloran 4, Gilder 7, Pye 4, Mitchell 5, Habbin (sub).
Referee: JENKINS: 6.
MAKEDONIA 2 (Stojanovski 26th., Jones 59th.) SUNSHINE 0.
Teams, with player ratings out of 10.
MAKEDONIA: Laumets 7; Trajkovski 6, McAleer 7, Campbell 6, Petrovski 7; Comar 6, Fox 5, Beech 6; McQuade 5 (Jones 53rd.) Daniels 5, Stojanovski 6.
SUNSHINE: Scholten 5; Lewis 5, Piotrowski 5, Dixey 5, Howe 5; McCarthy 6, Mussel 5, McRobert 5; Cumming 6, Coyle 6 (Ellis 62nd), Laing 5.
Referee: Dixon 5.
Attendance Double header) 3,200.


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# Grujicic fires for Essendon

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Green Gully Ajax was able to nullify all of Essendon's strong points for much of the match — but there was absolutely nothing it could do against Ivica Grujicic's blistering 35-metre drive which won the match three minutes from the end.**

Ajax full backs Peter Banagan and especially David Cole cut the Essendon wingers, Ken Murphy and Branko Culina out of the game — and, as everyone knows, effective wingers are essential if a 4-2-4 set-up like Essendon's is to work.

Joe Thompson, the former George Cross player, was assigned the job of marking Billy Vojtek, bought by Essendon from Juventus for $5000 the day before the game.

Thompson followed Vojtek everywhere and thus eradicated any danger Vojtek may have posed, although the former international did manage one spectacular 40-metre drive which had Mick Borg jumping like a jack-in-the-box.

Ajax was sound in defence due to the strong play of Peter Marshall and Mario Borg and it had a flying forward in tall John Grady—one of the fastest men in this league.

However, the remaining gaps were too big to overcome. There was no midfield strength and no power on the wings.

Essendon also suffered in midfield. One felt that Johnny Wallace, transferred from Hakoah, was trying a little too hard and thus making unnecessary mistakes, leaving Grujicic to do the bulk of the creative stuff.

But even Grujicic would have lost Essendon's grip on midfield had it not been for the power of Wally Kulyk, storming upfield from defence.

Both teams claimed after the match they had been entitled to a penalty each. Be that as it may, Essendon deserved its victory because it had that certain flair and because it was hungry to win.

When fancy foot work wouldn't get them past the Ajax rearguard, Essendon's players resorted to long-range shots and it was a 35-metre drive that finally won the game.

Ajax recruit Gerry Tribuzzio from Essendon Triestina had one or two near misses but was mostly inconspicuous. He will improve as he settles into the team.

Many felt that Andy Segi should have played from the start for Ajax, rather than coming in late as a substitute.

Segi, who had a stint for Melbourne, is certainly a strong, aggressive forward and perhaps the Ajax forward line will look a little better with him on it.

It was surprising to see Peter Marshall (ex J.U.S.T. reserves, ex-Keilor City) line up in defence ahead of Frans Berens but Marshall soon dispelled any doubts about his fitness — which was questionable last year — with a confident performance.

Both teams will get better — Ajax when the midfield starts to function, and Essendon when Vojtek and Wallace get into gear and when Culina returns to form.

George Train (right) of Essendon Lions. lets fly with a powerful shot, but Green Gully goalkeeper Mick Borg (left) managed to deflect it. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

# ALTONA LEARNS THE HARD WAY

By LES SHORROCK

**Joe Wilson, Altona's coach, told me before the game that he didn't expect too much from his boys as they had played only a couple of practice matches and were still settling down.**

George Cross started off as though they would overrun Altona and twice in the first ten minutes Paul Murphy missed a sitter. In both cases he had gone past the goalkeeper and then shot wide of an empty net. But goalie Hans Van der Poel's troubles were only just beginning.

Peter Ebini sped down the right and crossed a ball that Van der Poel couldn't reach; it dropped at John Webb's feet, but incredibly he sliced it wide from about five yards.

The game was only 18 minutes old and Altona should have been three goals in arrears but to their credid they kept plugging away.

George Cross seemed able to penetrate the Altona defence at will and it seemed that an avalanche of goals must come.

At the 30 minute mark Murphy fastened on a ball in the six yard box and hit it well but the incredible Van der Poel stuck out a foot and saved.

Altona's chances, in contrast, seemed few and far between, but Nat Little should have capitalised when he raced away from what seemed an offside position but instead of heading for goal he veered away and cut the ball back, enabling Cutajar to clear.

Lou Kastner was in good form in the Georgie's goal and he fielded everything that came his way in very competent fashion.

It was noticeable, too, how much at home Billy Wilkinson seemed after only 48 hours in the country, he was directing traffic as though he had played with the Cross all his life.

**H.T. 0-0**

The inevitable Georgie goal came just after the interval when a Deeming cross was pushed on by Don Lawler to Ebini who made no mistake.

This was some consolation for Paul Deeming who just before had hit the Altona upright with Van der Poel beaten.

Having tasted blood Cross swarmed to the attack and unbelievably Murphy missed again, firing a partial clearance well wide.

Ebini, fleet of foot on either wing, was giving the Altona defence a torrid time with his accurate crosses and when one was knocked just outside the box, Billy Wilkinson hit a rocket-like shot that had goal written all over it, only for Van der Poel to tip it over the bar spectacularly.

Van der Poel was being forced to work overtime and a casual-looking chip from Deeming swerved and had him scrambling desperately across his goal to concede a corner.

Then the determined Paul Murphy beat man after man in the box, only to shoot wide of a yawning goal yet again, and unbelievably almost, Alton were still only one goal down.

In the dying stages of the game a shot by Don Lawler was deflected by David Lord and actually beat the indomitable Van der Poel but struck the cross-bar and came out again and the game ended with a scoreline that in no way reflected the balance of play.

Altona, though outplayed, must have learnt something from the game and of course, they will improve.

George Cross must be quite happy with their first performance and with Billy Wilkinson.

Also Peter Ebini, Don Lawler and Paul Murphy are going to cause defences a lot of trouble this year.

## Match winners

**Men of the Match:**
**SLAVIA v. FRANKSTON: Referee Jenkins' vote to: CARL GILDER (Slavia). Les Sherrock's vote to: CARL GILDER (Slavia).**
**ESSENDON v. AJAX: Referee Zoumas' vote: PETER MARSHALL (Ajax). Laurie Schwab's vote to: WALLY KULYK (Essendon).**
**GEORGE CROSS v. ALTONA: Referee Fearn's vote: BILL WILKINSON (Geo. Cross). Les Sherrock's vote to: BILL WILKINSON (Geo Cross).**
**MAKEDONIA v. SUNSHINE: Referee Dixon's vote to: TOMMY FOX (Makedonia). Laurie Schwab's vote to : FRANK McALEER (Makedonia).**

## SEA DRAW

GLASGOW, The draw for the fourth round of the Scottish Cup is: Queen of the South v Queens Park or Alloa, St Johnstone or Dundee vs Aberdeen, Motherwell vs St Mirren, Hearts or Dumbarton vs Hamilton Academicals or Clydebank, East Fife vs Albion Rovers, Arbroath vs Hibernian or Partick Thistle, Rangers vs Stirling Albion or Elign City, Airdrieonians or Celtic vs Ayr United, matches to be played on Saturday, February 26.

## McAleer for Makedonia

**Makedonia has signed one of the State League's most experienced defenders in Frank McAleer from Scotland.**

**McAleer, 31 (pictured), has signed a two-year contract with Makedonia.**

**He played for Ayr United for three years, Morton for two years, Clydebank for two years and Stirling Albion for three years.**


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# SAMPIONSKA IGRA ZVEZDE

## ZIKA NIKOLIC

**Pred pocetak utakmice Australija — Crvena-Zvezdca Sydney Sports Ground je bio vruc kao Sahara. Zbog toga valjda nije bilo gledalaca koliko se ocekivalo. Preko 15.000 p-olugolih vatrenih ljubitelja nogometa nisu zazalili ni jednog trenutka, sto su se posteno isprzili na usijanom suncu.**

Ipak najgore je bilo igracima, narocito gostujuceg tima, kojima nagla promena klime svakako nibje bila ugodna. Za divno cudo ovu Golgotu su gosti bolje izdrzali nego domaci, koje je Zvezda posteno isetala i izmorila.

Uzalud nas novi trener Shoulder uverava da Australija igra ofanzivno, kada mu ikipa uvlaci rogove kao puz cim protivnik pokaze zube. Da je Branko Buljevic potreban reprezentaciji kao "nasusan hleb" potvrdila je i ova utakmica. Australija nema inspiratora. Razume se, ako izuzmemo naseg zemljaka sudiju Boskovica, koji je suvise birokratski primenio nogometna pravila, pa je indirektno pomogao da Australija spase cast. Ipak treba priznati da je Abonji majstorski iskoristio indirekt, ali uz pomoc golmana Kajganica koji se lose postavio.

ZVEZDA je i u Australiji potvrdila da je velika ekipa., Podseca na predratnu "-Jugoslaviju", cije je igraliste nasledila: Bio sam "klinac" tada kada je "Jugoslavija" bila na turneji po Irskoj, odakle je donela crveno-bele kockaste dresove. Turneja se oduzila, zbog vremenskih nepogoda, a u Jugoslaviji pocelo prvenstvo. Glavni rival "crvenih" B.S.K. ni da cuje za odlaganje utakmice, a za njim se poveli i ostali. "Jugoslavija" nije imala kid vec da nastupi sa rezervom, koja je na tri utakmice ozvojila pet bodova. Tako radi danas Zvezda. U Jugoslaviji jedna ekipa isprasila Obilica sa 6:0, a druga Hong Kong sa 7:2.

### NAMLADJIMA SVET OSTAJE

Pored toga sto ima dva tima na raspolaganju, zvezda pazi da obadva budu mlada. Skoro Jednovremeno su otisli Dzajic, Olja Petrovic, Acimovic, Karasi i jos mnogi, pored trenera Miljanica, a Zvezdu nije zabolela glava. Zvezda najbrze i najlakse obavlja smenu generacija, zbog cega je najbolji jugoslovenski klub, ali je prati peh na medjunarodnom planu. Verovali ili ne, zbog grckog kompleksa!

Kako je Crvena Vzezdca savladala Australiju sa 3:1 citali ste u mnogim novinama, pa cu se zato osvrnuti na druge dogadjaje koji Zvezdu cine velikim klubom.

### PAZI, DOKTORE!

Vodja Zvezdine ekspedicije je Rajko Mitic, slavan skoro kao sama Zvezda. Sa jos nekoliko igraca svoje generacije je ziva legenda jugoslovenskog nogometa. Sa jedinom razlikom sto se nikad nije otisnuo u pecalbu. Jedinu promenu dresa je obavio na pocetki blistave karijere. Pokusao je srecu u predratnoj "Jugoslaviji", ali je posle tri presao u BSK, odakle je bio kraci put za reprezentaciju.

Iako je odavno razmenio sestu banku, oko Rajka se okuplja uvek najvise navijaca. Svi tvrde da ga poznaju . . . Jedni iz skole, cak zabavista, drugi sa poljanceta i ulice, treci su mu krojili odela ili kapu. Ima i takvih, sto su ga ucili kako se igra fudbal . . .

Da ih ne uvredi, on se kobajagi priseca ili se pravda da ga "izdaje pamcenje".

Medjutim, kada je u pitanju stvazrna potreba, Rajko Mitic sve bi ucinio da pomogne. Zagledao se tako u iskasapljeno koleno naseg reprezentativca Dragoljuba Utjesenovica, pa kaze Zvezdinom lekaru Dr Bori Babicu: "Molim te Boro pogledaj ovog naseg momka sta su mu uradili sa kolenom!"

Dr Babic strucno dohvati Utjesinu nogu, a Rajku se pricinilo kao da hoce da je otkine, pa pazljivo prebaci: "Pazi, doktore!"

Iako je imao tesku operaciju, dr Babic, smatra da ce Utjesenovic ubrzo moci da igra, ne samo za svoj klub vec i reprezentaciju, kojoj je mnogo nedostajao protiv Zvezde.

### U MELBURNU JOS BOLJE

Olympic Park po noci inspirise prave igrace. Zbog toga treba ocekivati da ce Vzezda u subotu uvece nadmasiti svoju igru u Sidneju. "Crveno-belima" nece nedostajati navijaci. Njih ima svuda. Bilo ih je preko 5.000 hiljada u Sidneju, cak su i tamo stigli Benkovcani sa tradicionalnim parolama, kao sto je ova:

"Dok scrce kuca u nama,
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Iz Brizbana je dosla grupa od 50 Jugoslovena da navija za Vzezdu. Tako sam slucajno saznao da ovaj veliki grad ipak nije bio prosle godine bez jugoslovenskog kluba u nogometnom takmicenju. Ne samo to, vec je klub nasih zemljaka INDEPENDENT osvojio prvo mesto u industriskoj ligi.

### AVALA NADIGRALA JUGALA

Da atmosfera na Zvezdinoj utakmici bude prijateljska i sportska, pomogli su mnogo nasi klubovi JUGAL iAVALA, koji su se sastali u predigri medjunarodne utakmice. Avala je imala bolju kondiciju pa je u zavrznici pobedila sa 3:1 (0:1). U prvom poluvremenu je Jugal bio daleko bolji, navala nije iskoristila zlatne sanse, a u drugom poluvremenu Zivko Trkulja je zaboravio da je na nogometnoj utakmici, pa su njegove rukometne i ragbi avanture pomogle Avali da pobedi. Strelci: Kudek 2 i Mihajlovic Toma za Avalu, Lupevski za Jugal.

### NOCNI KUPOVI

U Pertu Dalmatinac nastavlja sa uspesima. U drugom kolu je savladao ASCOT sa 2:1, pa ga navijaci vec vide u finalu.

Ako nastave sa igrom iz prvog kola Makedonija i Lion, jedina dva kluba sto imaju nesto publike u Nocnom Kupu Melburna, mogu se lako sastati u finalu. Lion se mnogo uzda u Bili Vojteka, koji se na kraju karijere vratio u staru sredinu.

U Adelaidi su proslog petka nasi klubovi imali voljno. Igrali su Lion-Budapest 1:0 i Polonia-Victoria 4:1. U petak, 4. februara Beograd igra protiv Viktorije, a Croatia protiv Budapesta.

### MLADI IMAJU REC

Dok Ceda Cirkovic priprema prvi tim za prvenstvo Australije, mladi tim JUST-a je vec poceo da igra. Na prvoj utakmici protiv nekad slavnog Melburn-Hungazrije Frank Simunovic je probao dosta igraca, najvise juniora. U pocetku nije islo najbolje, ali je zavrsnica bila odlicna, tako da je Melburn bio sretan sto se igra zavrsila 2:2. Strelci za J.U.S.T.: Ristic i Piskovski. Igrali su sledeci igraci: Amici, Stefanidis, T. Petrevski, Stojcevski, Jovanovski, Dimoski, Karic, Markovic, Mikulcic, Acevski, Ristc, Piskovski, P. Petreski, Talevski i Jovanov. Iduce nedelje na Port Melbourne-u igraju J.U.S.T. — Western Suburbs.

J.U.S.T.-ov prvi tim treba da igra protiv Marconi-a prijateljsku utakmicu u Sidneju 20. februara, a revans 14 dana kasnije u Melburnu.

### INTER U ADELAIDI

Inter iz Williamstown-a je uzvratio posetu Jedinstvu u Adelaidi. Iako se domaci tim pojacao igracima iz drugih klubova, INTER je zasluzeno pobedio sa 4:2, dok je rezerva izgubila sa 4:1. U glavnoj utakmici Inter je od pocetka uzeo inicijativu, tako da je gol domacih bio dugo opsednut, a golman bio prezaposlen. Cetiri puta je za pola sata vadio loptu iz mreze. U drugom poluvremenu domaci igraju bolje, dok je Inter zadovoljan rezultatom i igra za publiku.

# DESTROYER IS NEEDED

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**Either Billy Rogers of South Melbourne Hellas or Ray Richards of Marconi must be brought into the midfield to add some destroying power.**

**George Harris** and **Harry Williams** did not have the best of games at full back and this left key central defenders **Col Bennett** and **Peter Wilson** with far too many gaps to cover.

When they left the middle to cover these gaps, the middle opened up and this played into Red Star's hands.

Up front, **Atti Abonyi, Peter Ollerton** and **John Kosmina** tried hard but found the going hard against the tough Red Star defence which was well organised.

Probably the biggest mystery of all was the fact that Red Star's best player — and one of the best in Europe, **Vladislav Bogicevic,** was allowed the freedom of the Sports Ground.

Bogicevic should have been the Socceroos' number one target and he should have been tailed from the start to the final whistle.

**He scored two great goals which I suppose speaks for itself!**

There was not a weakness in the Red Star Team. The Yugoslavs know what the game is all about and can handle every situation that pops up.

The opening goal of the game came in the 28th minute when Bogicevic was unmarked in the Socceroos' penalty area and smashed home an unstoppable left-foot shot that Socceroo goalkeeper **Todd Clarke** did not see.

Their second goal came in the 33rd minute when, with the Socceroo defence all at sea, **Dusan Savic** shot the ball home in expert fashion.

More was to come after the interval and in the 51st minute, Bogicevic popped up again unmarked to smash another great drive home.

The Socceroos did manage to pull one back in the 65th minute when **Atti Abonyi** hit home a well-taken free kick.

But by then it was all over bar the shouting.

**It is to be hoped that Jim Shoulder and his team learned by this game and some positive action is taken.**

Sure, all the conditions were against playing football (40.4c) but it was the same for both teams.

My advice to Shoulder and his team is — throw away the powder puffs and get some red blooded tackling into your play, for without it, Argentina must be a million miles away!

# This stuff won't beat big league

*By TOM ANDERSON*

**After a short intermission because of the visit of Yugoslav tourists Red Star Belgrade, it's back to Ampol Cup duty for the Sydney teams this weekend.**

The six Ampol Cup clashes will be played on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon at two venues — Garside Park and Lambert Park.

It is to be hoped that during the short break the coaches and players of the respective Federation teams have been putting some hard work in at the training track to improve both their fitness and their skill.

For although the crowds have been reasonable during the first round of the 1977 series, the performances of all the teams have left much to be desired.

**It seems many of the Federation teams are paying their coaches and their players a great deal of money this year to try to combat the PSL.**

If this is so, it's time they started to earn it properly and knuckle down to some proper physical conditioning.

Here is a preview of the games scheduled for this week:-

**SUTHERLAND v BANKSTOWN**

Friday — Garside Park

Two veterans of many World Cup games, **John Watkiss** and **Ron Corry** should have the experience to take Sutherland through to its first win of the season.

Player-coach Watkiss may have lost a few yards in speed, but his ability to read the game and also play the game, holds him in good stead.

Former St George faithfuls **Jim Herron** and **John McDonald**, could also make it a successful season for Sutherland.

**Tip — Sutherland to win.**

**GRANVILLE v AVALA**

**Friday — Garside Park**

These are two of the "better" teams of the competition and this will be a hard fought struggle.

Both like to be a bit physical and do not mind "mixing it".

Avala's playercoach **John Cudek** is confident that he can win the ampol Cup with his experienced team.

"We have a lot of players in our line-up who know what the game is all about and with the big influx of younger players in the competition this season, this will prove invaluable," Cudek says.

Granville will rely on their experienced midfielders Irishman **Eddie Patterson** and Scotsman **Billy Fraser** to show them the way.

**Tip — Draw.**

**CANTERBURY v WOLLONGONG**

**Sunday — Garside Park**

With the going of ace striker **Phil O'Conner** to St George, Wollongong is left like bacon without eggs!

How it is going to replace this fine striker is hard to imagine.

New player-coach **Jim Fraser** will make his first appearance for Wollongong and he will have his work cut out to stop eager Canterbury strikers **Terry Thomson** and **Larry Armytage.**

Wollongong has also lost its talented midfielder **Larry Gaffney** to Brisbane PSL club Brisbane City.

**Tip — Canterbury to win.**

**CROATIA v AUBURN**

Sunday — Garside Park

Federation 'millionaire' club Croatia will be hoping that its star buy **Atti Abonyi** escapes injury against Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park on Saturday night and will be able to play in this clash on Sunday.

For Abonyi is definitely Croatia's inspiration this season.

In their first outing the big spending Croatians looked reasonably good, until they became overconfident against Wollongong.

This over-confidence plus some astonishing substitutions nearly cost them the game when they lost three goals in the last 20 minutes.

However this week, they meet an Auburn team that is still in the process of team building.

**Tip — Croatia to win.**

**APIA v ARNCLIFFE SCOTS**

**Lambert Park — Sunday.**

**APIA should produce its first win of the 1977 season here on their home ground on Sunday, not because of its startling and fine play, but because Arncliffe seems to be there for the taking!**

**Socceroo defender Col Bennett** helped APIA to salvage a draw against Sutherland in their opening Ampol Cup fixture but will not be there on Sunday.

Arncliffe plays like a typical Scottish junior side — hard, rugged and with no frills.

**Tip — APIA to win.**

**YUGAL PRAGUE v MANLY**

**Lambert Park — Sunday**

The visit of Red Star Belgrade could have motivated Yugal to great heights — if that is possible at this stage!

Fever has been at its peak in the Yugoslav community in Sydney and the Yugal committee is hoping it has rubbed off on the players for this week's Ampol Cup clash.

**Tip — draw.**

# DETAILS

RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Bogicovic 2, Savic)
AUSTRALIA 1 (Abonyi).

Attendance 16,228.

Referee — Tony Boskovic.

Teams with points out of five:

AUSTRALIA: Clarke 4, Harris 3, Wilson 3, Bennett 3, Williams 3, Byrne 2, Rooney 3 (sub Harding), Muniz 3, Kosmina 4, Ollerton 3, Abonyi 4.

RED STAR BELGRADE: Stojanovic 3, Janovic 3, Muslin 3, Radovic 3, Novkovic 4, Nikolic 4, Baralic 4, Bogicevic 5, Lukic 4, Savic 4, Stamenkovic 5.

AFTER THE GAME QUOTES:

"Under the conditions the boys played quite well and I am quite happy with them.

"Once we have a few games under our belt we will have no problems.

"The way I see it New Zealand have more problems than us."

— Australia's coach JIM SHOULDER.

20 "We are very happy with our performance but we can play much better.

— Red Star coach GOJKO ZEC.

"I expected much more from the Australian team and they did not impress me.

"I think that we have more than an even chance of knocking them out of the World Cup preliminary round."

— New Zealand coach WALLY HUGHES.

"It was bloody hot out there!"

— Australia's vice-captain JIMMY ROONEY.


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# The greatest mystery in soccer!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Australia's game against Red Star in Melbourne on Saturday night gives coach Jim Shoulder the perfect chance to try out Branko Buljecic — but he won't.**

The reason would be that Shoulder has decided on his squad after the world tour and that the most important thing is to have the players playing together as often as possible.

Quite reasonable, too.

However, there was no such excuse when Buljevic was left out of the squad that went overseas.

Buljevic was good enough to play for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. He's in better form than ever now but apparently he's no longer good enough for Australia.

**It's the greatest in Australian soccer.**

The public is puzzled, but stranger still, the players are also puzzled.

We know that **Peter Ollerton, Jim Tansey, Doug Utjesenovic** and **Attila Abonyi** — to name just a few — want Buljevic back in the squad.

His disappearance from the squad can be traced back to the series against the USSR in 1975 when **Brian Green** was the coach.

Buljevic was called upon but informed Green he was unable to play because of pressure of work.

**Since then Buljevic has been ignored by the Socceroo bosses, yet every soccer expert you ask will tell you that the Socceroos need Buljevic.**

Shoulder has never explained Buljevic's absence. When asked, he has said only something like: "No-one is out of calculations. Everyone has a chance."

To be in calculations you must first be given a chance. Buljevic has not been given his chance to show Shoulder just how much he can do at international level and how well he can do it.

**Meanwhile, the Socceroos prepare for their third meeting with Red Star at Melbourne's Olympic Park on Saturday at 8.15 p.m.**

It was not known at the time of publication whether Shoulder would use **Jim Tansey** one of only two Victorians in the squad.

Those who will almost certainly play are: **Alan Maher** (goal), **George Harris, Peter Wilson, Harry Williams, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Byrne, John Kosmina, Peter Ollerton** and **Attila Abonyi.**

That leaves one midfield spot and a place in defence.

Regular defenders **Doug Utjesenovic** and **Richie Bell** were, of course injured on tour and are both unavailable.

**Agenor Muniz** played against Red Star in Sydney but his tour form was poor due to injury.

It may be that Shoulder may try out **Dave Harding** in the midfield position to compare the performances of the two players. **Gary Marocchi** of Perth may also get a run.

The other defensive post will go to either **Tansey** or **Col Bennett** who played in Sydney.

● See page 10 for full Australian squad.

Branko Buljevic (right) — the forgotten man.

# WELCOME TO THE GIANTS OF BELGRADE

**Red Star is one of the greatest teams to visit Australia.**

Certainly the Yugoslavs play a more attractive brand of soccer than most of the British teams that have visited us over the years.

The Yugoslavs are ball artists. They are exhibitionists who enjoy showing off the deft flick or dribble.

They play possession football, like the Germans, the Dutch and the Czechs. Build-ups involve the entire team, from the last man forward.

**The ball is stroked all over the ground until the smallest opening appears and that's when the pace changes and a player runs through to strike like a cobra.**

Unfortunately **Filipovic, Jelikic, Petrovic** and **Sestic** were not able to tour because they are playing with the Yugoslav national team.

But watch for Yugoslav international **Srboljub Stamenkovic,** who is being called the "new Dzajic" because he took over **Dragan Dzajic's** position when the great one left to play for Bastia in Corsica.

Red Star and Partizan are the kings of Yugoslav soccer — clashes between the two regularly draw close to 100,000 spectators.

Red Star has won the Yugoslav First Division championship 11 times, the Yugoslav Cup once and the Danube Cup once.

It has been prominent in the major European competitions without yet having won any.

Red Star is only the third major Yugoslav club to visit Australia.

We had Hajduk Split more than 20 years ago, and Velez Mostar last year, but neither can match the great Red Star, Yugoslavia's most successful club.

## 3-2 v. OFK IN 'WARM-UP'

**In a friendly match before leaving for Australia, Red Star beat OFK Belgrade 3-2.**

**Scorers were subsituto Pljevaljevic (2) and Baralic while Vukovic scored both for OFK.**

**Teams were:**

**RED STAR: Kajganic, Jovanovic, Novkovic, Muslin, Radovic, Bogicevic, Lukic, Nokolic, Savic, Baralic, Stamenkovic.**

**OFK: Drobnjak, Naumovic, Jovanovic, Vevovic, Novcic, Sokol, Petricovic, Ivkovic, Vukovic, Stojkovic, Markovic.**

**Red Star leads the Yugoslav First Division ladder by five points from Dynamo, with Sloboda in third place.**


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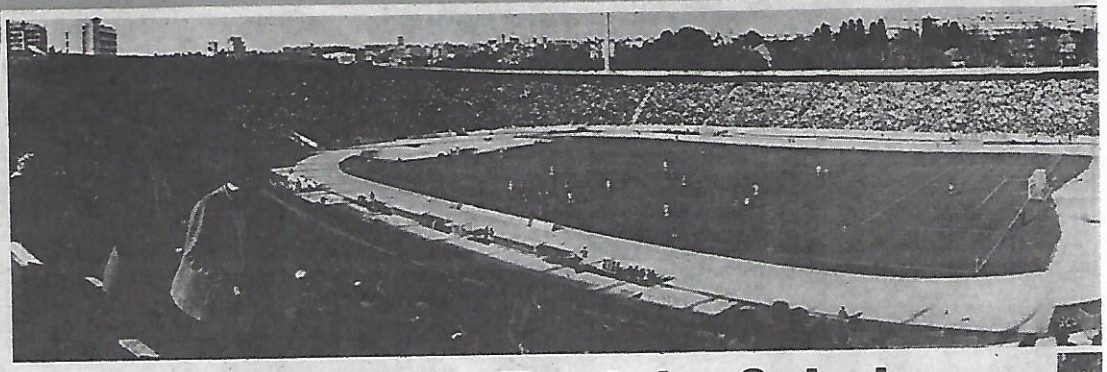


# RED STAR CAN'T HANDLE GREEKS

Greeks have been Red Star's "bogey" opponents over the past few years.

In the 1971 European Cup semi-finals, Red Star won the first leg against Panathinaikos 4-1 in Belgrade and seemed set to advance to the final.

However, in the second leg, Panathinaikos won 3-0 in Athens, to qualify for the final against Ajax on the away goal rule.

In the current UEFA Cup, Red Star lost 0-2 to AEK in Greece and needed a 3-0 win in Belgrade.

However, the Greek bogey struck again. AEK managed to score a goal in the return match, losing 1-2 instead of 0-3 and again advancing on the away goal rule.

# Kostic, Toplak, Sekularac among the club's greats

**Some of the greatest names in Yugoslav soccer wore the red and white of Red Star.**

There was **Drago Sekularac** who played in two World Cups; **Rajko Mitic**, who played in three; **Vladimir Beara**, Yugoslavia's greatest ever goalkeeper and right back **Branko Stankovic**, so long the backbone of the national teams defence.

There was also **Bora Kostic** who had 15 years with Red Star and about seven years with the national team.

He still holds the aggregate goalscoring record in the Yugoslav First Division.

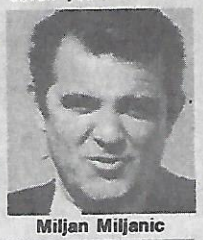
**Mitic** and **Toplak**, both stars with Red Star, went on to become national coaches.

Toplak, former Red Star centre forward, is the current national coach of Yugoslavia.

**Miljan Miljanic**, now with Real Madrid, was elevated to the national coach's position while he was coach of Red Star some years ago.

Dragan Dzajic

Bora Kostic



Miljan Miljanic

## Champagne flowed that year

**The 1951 line-up was one of Red Star's greatest teams.**

It was: Mrkusic, Stankovic, Zvekanovic, Palfi, Djordjevic, Dzajic, Ognjanov, Mitic, Tomasevic, Jezerkic, Zivanovic.

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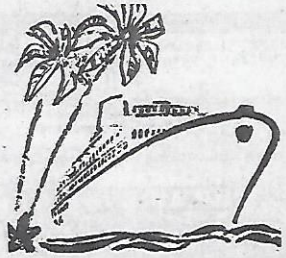

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Red Star stadium in Belgrade

tar's 1960-61 championship-winning team, ng from left: Tomic, Maravic, Durkovic, Sto-c, Milicevic, Popovic. Front: Milojevic, Sekularac, Melic, Stipic, B. Mitic.

squad, standing from left: Zec (coach), vic, Jelikic, Lukic, Susic, Muslin, Stepanovic, Ratkovic, Stamenkovic, Nikolic. Savic, rkovic, Mandic.

# Eleven titles

Yugoslav league champion wins from 1923-1975:

11. Red Star.
8. Hajduk Split.
7. Partizan.
5. Gradjanski Zagreb; BSK Belgrade.
3. Dynamo Zagreb.
2. Jugoslovija Belgrade, Concordia Zagreb.
1. HASK Zagreb, Vojvodina, FC Sarajevo, Zeljeznicar.

# Nine cups

Winners of the Marshall Tito Yugoslav Cup, 1947-76.

9. Red Star.
4. Partizan.
6. Hajduk, Dynamo Zagreb.
2. BSK Belgrade, FK Belgrade.
1. Vardar Skoplje.


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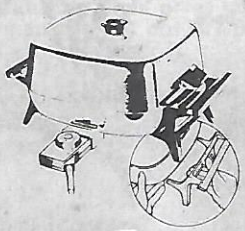

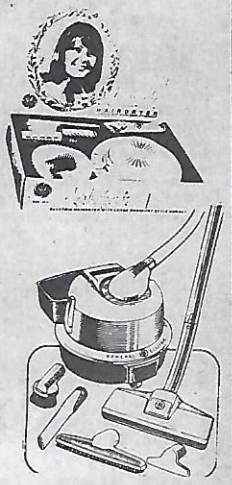

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U.S.T. Soccer Club.

J.U.S.T., 1976 standing from left: Cedo Crikovic (coach), Dennis Boland, Stratos Adamgikis, Allan Parrott, Jim Kondarios, Branko Buljevic, Andy Kazi, Frank Mici. Front: Joe Picioane, Joe Palinkas, Mendo Ristovski, Zoran Illioski, Jim Kriaris, Roger Mervich (masseur).

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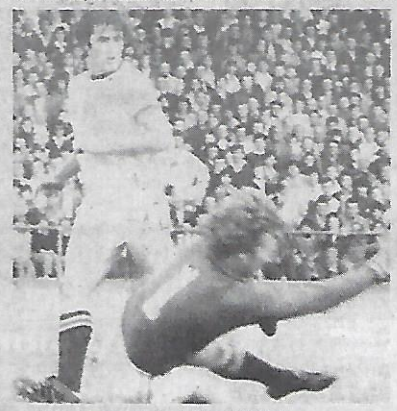


In action against the USSR: TODD CLARKE (goalkeeper), Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs, 13 caps, and . . . COL BENNETT (left), centre back, APIA-Leichhardt, 13 caps.

Bosko Kajganic

ATTILA ABONYI, forward, South Sydney Croatia, 48 caps, one off the record of 49 caps held by Manfred Schaefer, coach of Abonyi's former club, St George.

JOHN KOSMINA, striker, Polonia-Adelaide, five caps. Established himself on Socceroos' tour last year.

AGENOR MUNIZ, midfielder, Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, 12 caps. Brazilian-born ball artist, recently plagued by injuries.

Vladislav Bogicevic, midfielder, one of the best ball distributors in Europe.

## Red Star's squad:

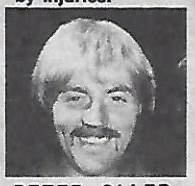
Vladislav Bogicevic (captain) "A" international
Bosko Kajganic
Nikola Jovanovic, "A"
Branko Radovic, "B"
Petar Baralic, "A"
Mile Novkovic, "B"
Dusan Savic, "A"
Dusan Nikolic, "B"
Bosko Lukic
Aleksandar Stojanovic
Zdravko Borvnica
Srboljub Stamenkovic, youth international
Slavoljub Muslin, "A"
Milan Babic
Zlatko Dampotic
Ante Kusmic
Dusko Ajder
Mile Calasan

The "new Dzajic", Srboljub Stamenkovic (right), beats an opponent.

JIM TANSEY, defender, Fitzroy-Alexander, five caps. Recently transferred from Slavia for about $8000.

JIMMY ROONEY, midfielder, Marconi-Fairfield, 32 caps. First match for Australia since transferring from APIA.

GEORGE HARRIS, right back, St George, 14 caps. Stand-in for injured Doug Utjesenovic, his brother-in-law.



PETER OLLERTON, striker, South Melbourne Hellas, 17 caps. Topped NSW goalscoring list while with APIA. Before that with Wilhelmina.

HARRY WILLIAMS, left back, St George, nine caps. Holder of the jinxed left back position, where his predecessors Col Curran and Bobby Hogg both suffered serious injuries. Indeed, Williams himself was out injured for a long time and had to fight hard to get his national team place back last year. Williams, nicknamed "Bullet" for his speed on the overlap, started his international career on Australia's world tour in 1970.

PETER WILSON, centre back, captain, Western Suburbs, 48 caps. Like Abonyi, one off the record of 49 caps. Wilson is pictured with John Watkiss in a 1973 World Cup qualifying match against Iran in Sydney. English-born coalminer from Wollongong, he epitomises the grit and courage of the Australian team.

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*Australia's results in all matches since 1970:*

**1970 — 1974 (under coach Rale Rasic):**

1970

v New Caledonia (in Noumea) 3-1. Goals: Warren, Richards, Vojtek.

v New Caledonia (Noumea) 1-0. Goal: Doyle.

v Jardine Sports Club (Hong Kong) 3-0. Goals: Vojtek 2, Blues.

v Macao (Macao) 9-0. Goals: Denton 3, Warren 2, Keddie 2, Blues, Irvine.

v Oghab (Teheran) 0-0.

v Iran (Teheran) 2-1. Goals: Richards, Alston.

v Teheran XI 3-3. Goals: Denton 2, Doyle.

v Israel (Tel Aviv) 1-0. Goal: Richards.

v Hapoel (Haifa) 2-1. Goals: Richards, Keddie.

v Greece (Athens) 3-1. Goals: Alston, Mackay, Blues.

v Greece 'B' (Kavala) 1-1. Goal: Alston.

v Luton Town (Luton) 2-1. Goals: Denton, Alston.

v Manchester City Reserves (Manchester) 0-1.

v League of Ireland XI (Dublin) 0-1.

v Mexico City) 0-3

1971:

v English FA XI (Sydney) 0-1.

v English FA XI (Melbourne) 0-1.

v Israel (Brisbane) 2-2. Goals: Tolson, Alston.

v Israel (Sydney) 1-0. Goal: Ainslie.

v Israel (Melbourne) 1-3. Goal: Baartz.

1972:

v Dundee (Adelaide) 1-2. Goal: Alston.

v Wolves (Melbourne) 1-0. Goal: Abonyi.

v Wolves (Sydney) 2-2. Goals: Baartz 2.

v FC Santos (Sydney) 2-2. Goals: Rooney, Baartz.

v Indonesia (Jakarta) 4-1. Goals: Buljevic 2, Tolson, Baartz pen.

v New Zealand (Jakarta) 3-1. Goals: Abonyi, Baartz, Warren.

v South Vietnam All-Star under 23s (Saigon) 2-0. Goals: Buljevic 2.

v South Vietnam (Saigon) 1-0. Goal: Buljevic.

v South Korea (Seoul) 1-1. Goal: Tolson.

v South Korea (Seoul) 2-0. Goals: Baartz, Armstrong.

v Philippines (Manila) 6-0. Goals: Abonyi pen., Buljevic, Butler, Warren, Utjesenovic, Richards.

v Bulgaria (Sydney) 2-2. Goals: Buljevic, Tolson pen.

v Bulgaria (Adelaide) 1-3. Goal: Baartz.

v Bulgaria (Melbourne) 0-2.

1973

v New Zealand (World Cup, Auckland) 1-1. Goal: Campbell.

v Irak (World Cup, Sydney) 3-1. Goals: Alston 2, Richards.

v Indonesia (World Cup, Sydney) 2-1. Goals: Campbell, Alston.

v New Zealand (World Cup, Sydney) 3-3. Goals: Utjesenovic, Baartz, Buljevic.

v Irak (World Cup, Melbourne) 0-0.

v Indonesia (World Cup, Sydney) 6-0. Goals: Mackay 2, Abonyi 2, Richards, Baartz.

v Iran (World Cup, Sydney) 3-0. Goals: Alston, Abonyi, Wilson.

v Iran (World Cup, Teheran) 0-2.

v South Korea (World Cup, Sydney) 0-0.

v South Korea (World Cup, Seoul) 2-2. Goals: Buljevic, Baartz.

v South Korea (World Cup, Hong Kong) 1-0. Goal: Mackay.

1974

v Ferencvaros (Sydney) 0-0.

v Ferencvaros (Adelaide). Goals: Eipel o.g.

v Auckland (Sydney) 0-0.

v Uruguay (Melbourne) 0-0.

v Uruguay (Sydney) 2-0. Goals: Baartz, Ollerton.

v Indonesia (Jakarta) 2-1. Goals: Wilson, Curran.

v Israel (Tel Aviv) 1-2. Goal: Mackay.

v St. Gallen (Zurich) 4-1 Goals: Alston 3, Guggi o.g.

v Young Boys (Berne) 2-0. Goals: Richards, Abonyi.

v Xmax Neuchatel (Neuchatel) 1-0. Goal: Richards.

v East Germany (World Cup, Hamburg) 0-2.

v West Germany (World Cup, Hamburg) 0-3

v Chile (World Cup, West Berlin) 0-0.

**1975 (coach Eric Worthington)**

v Legia Warsaw (Sydney) 2-2. Goals: Rooney, Manuel.

v Legia Warsaw (Brisbane) 1-2. Goal: Rooney.

**1975 (coach Tony Boggi)**

v Glasgow Rangers (Sydney) 1-2. Goals: Harding.

v Glasgow Rangers (Brisbane 1-0. Goal: Ollerton.

v Manchester United (Sydney) 0-4.

v China (Melbourne) 1-0. Goal: Cummings.

v Benfica (Sydney) 2-2. Goals: Buljevic 2.

**1975 (coach: Brian Green)**

c USSR (Perth) 0-0.

v USSR (Adelaide) 0-2.

v USSR (Melbourne) 1-2. Goal: Campbell.

v USSR (Brisbane ) 0-0.

v USSR (Sydney) 2-3. Goals: Ollerton, Barnes.

v USSR (Newcastle) 1-2. Goal: Ollerton.

**1976 (coach: Jim Shoulder)**

v Velez Mostar Sydney) 2-2. Goals: Ollerton, Barnes.

v New Zealand (Auckland) 1-0. Goal: Harding.

v new Zealand (Melbourne) 3-1. Goals: Barnes. Ollerton, Abonyi.

**1976 (coach Jim Shoulder)**

v Spurs (Sydney) 2-3. Goals: Harding, Hyskohus.

v Sunderland (Sydney) 3-4. Goals: Harding 2, Abonyi.

v Sunderland (Melbourne) 0-0.

v Bologna (Adelaide) 3-0. Goals: Bell, Harding, Abonyi.

v Sunderland (Melbourne) 0-0.

v BBologna (Adelaide) 3-0. Goals: Bell, Harding, Abonyi.

v Bologna (Sydney) 0-0.

v Italian Army (Sydney 1-3. Goal: Ollerton.

v Hong Kong (Canberra) 0-1.

v Hong Kong (Gosford) 2-0. Goals: Abonyi, Harding.

v Indonesia (Jakarta) 1-1. Goal: Abonyi.

v Singapore (Singapore) 1-0. Goal: Ollerton.

v Hong Kong (Hong Kong) 2-0. Goals: Abonyi pen., Nyskohus.

v Chinese Selection (Peking) 5-4. Goals: Abonyi 2, Kosmina 2, Bell.

v China (Canton) 2-0. Goals: Ollerton 2.

v Israel (Tel Aviv) 1-1. Goal: Williams.

v PSV Eindhoven (Eindhoven) 1-2. Goal: Kosmina.

v KSV Baunatal (Kassel) 1-1. Goal: Nyskohus.

v Sunderland (Sunderland) 0-2.

v Birmingham (Birmingham) 1-4. Goal: Abonyi.

**Top scorers since 1970: 16 Abonyi; 13 Alston; 12 Baartz; 11 Buljevic; 10 Ollerton; 9 Richards; 7 Harding; 6 Denton; 5 Warren, Mackay.**

## Cup favorites

LONDON, January 31. — English soccer league champion Liverpool is a 6-1 favorite to win the FA Cup, according to revised betting from bookmakers.

Arsenal, the only London club left in cup reckoning, beat Coventry 3-1 while City won 3-1 away at Newcastle.

Draw for the fifth round on February 26: Cardiff City v Swindon Town or Everton, Leeds United v Manchester City, Liverpool v Oldham Athletic, Nottingham Forest or Southampton v Manchester United, Middlesbrough v Arsenal, Colchester United or Derby County v Blackburn Rovers, Ipswich Town or Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chester, Aston Villa v Port Vale.

# A SPORTING WAY TO KEEP THE MASSES HAPPY

**SAO PAULO, Brazil. — In South America, where the ruling classes tend to shoot one another at regular intervals, sport is regarded as a jolly good thing.**

The theory is that if you infect the masses with huge doses of soccer fever and intoxicate them with high octane motor racing they will forget about such trivial inconveniences as raging poverty and the rule of the gun.

Thus the poor boy with true sporting genius can become very rich indeed and sustain his wealth through palace revolutions, military juntas and any number of long-knived nights.

He is essential to successive governments for he is living, idolised proof, that democracy survives.

I only mention the flora and fauna in this way because within the next 18 months, culminating in the World Cup in Argentina, a greater concentration of European sports teams and supporters will be flocking here than ever before and may not know what to expect.

Well, so long as they keep their eyes and mouths shut, avoid currency deals in cul-de-sacs with men wearing sun glasses, don't react to unshaven youths with GI helmets and revolvers ordering them to move on, refuse to get upset because English is an unspoken language and claim to be closely related, to either Bobby Charlton or James Hunt, they will have a safe and happy time.

They will notice that the really important streets have dates instead of names.

They will find that while you can buy anything for Plato to Arthur Hailey in paperback the really beautiful bound hardbacks are mostly the biographies of Iron Cross generals.

And if they dine out more than twice they will be relieved to learn that the eight beautifully suited carefully manicured grey-haired men on the next table were never in the Wehrmacht at all, but readily admit to being out-of-work soya bean laborers discussing the weather.

They will see from the small ads in the news-papers that many Rhodesians are seeking property here and in the same issue, they can read around 83 solid columns of soccer news, views and speculation.

It is a thrilling continent as long as you're mad about sport and don't lose your return ticket.

### THE BORES

Brazil begin their assault on the World Cup by playing Colombia in Bogota next month.

By way of rehearsal they played Bulagria in front of 80,000 shrill critics in Sao Paulo on a Sunday night and only won by a single goalkeeping error to nil.

They are not the irresistible force they were.

The Bulgarians, with pale European winter faces and an all-white strip, looked like conscripted ski troops on some suicide mission.

They played four-four-two, five-three-two, six-two-two and at times, nine-one. They played the ball backwards and in rare moments of reckless passion, sideways.

They would not have scored had it been a five-day Test match.

It was European soccer at its worst. It roused one Brazilian writer to cry: "This is anti-football."

And an affronted crowd hissed the boring Bulgars from the pitch.

The genius who originated these siege tactics should be condemned to watch them for the rest of his life for a beautiful warm Latin-American night was ruined by the banality of it all.

### CHAOS

There are nine soccer nations in South America and, technically, four of them could be among the 16 teams in next year's finals.

But this is unlikely since South American football organisation makes its political scene look positively stable.

At this 11th hour Venuezuela's Ministry of Sport can't even decide whether to compete or not.

They named 23 players to report for squad training the other day, but only nine showed up.

The rest said it was too late to start preparation and never bothered.

Uruguay's small problem is that nine of their top 11 players are mercenaries playing in other countries and won't throw up steady jobs to go home.

Bolivia, where they don't appear to know what year it is, haven't yet named any players at all.

And Peru, who appointed a new coach, this month, have now also appointed a politician to coach the coach and keep an eye on the till.

Ecuador also ran into a spot of bother three Sundays ago.

Their players were so revoltingly ill-behaved in a match against Uruguay that the referee sent the lot off.

Take heart, Don Revie, it could all be worse.

### HOT FOOT

It is to be hoped that Carlos Reutemann's immaculate driving to win Sunday's Grand Prix, will inspire his countrymen, the taxi drivers of Buenos Aires, to do something about their professional standards.

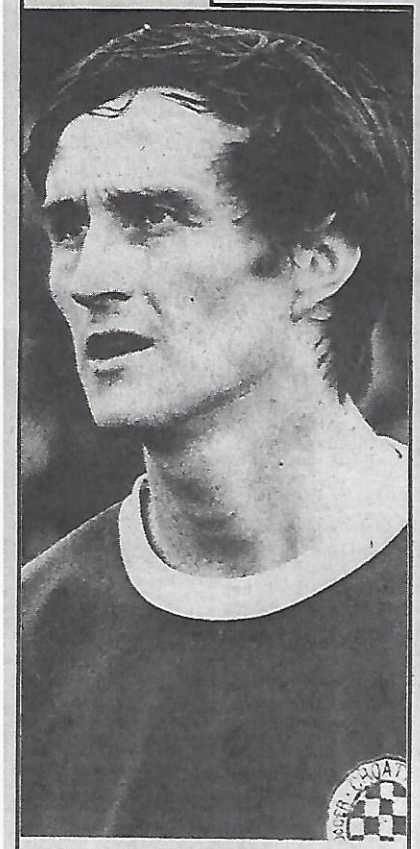
To catch a cab for any journey more than a mile is to reduce one's life expectancy by roughly 80 per cent.

I hired one, whose driver suddenly shouted: "Hamissoont" — the local pronunciation of James Hunt — and revved his juddering bone wagon up to a flat-out 40 mph before mounting the pavement, driving behind the newspaper kiosk and rejoining the highway at an angle of 30 degrees through a stream of oncoming traffic.

Presumably he thought I was some kind of talent scout.

Whereas I was only groping to recall even two lines from childhood prayer.

## Croatians get Wixey back



**Defender Ray Wixey, 30, has joined Essendon Lions after four years in England.**

**Wixey (pictured) left for England in 1972 and has been playing for Gloucester in a minor league.**

**He played for former State League club Croatia in 1969, 1970 and 1971.**

**Essendon is also run by the Croatian community.**

**Wixey is not yet match fit but it shouldn't take long for him to break into the senior team.**

## STEPHEN KALUS

**Dr. Charlie Walker**

**Dr. Charlie Walker, life member of the Victorian Soccer Federation, who was recently appointed lecturer at the FIFA seminar in Sydney, did not turn up for his appointment, to the disappointment of ASF and VSF officials.**

George Wallace was trying to contact his home and surgery, but was unsuccessful. Last week I dound out from Dr. Walker's close friend that the popular "Charlie", while holidaying with his wife in New Zealand, became ill and is at the moment recovering in a Christchurch hospital. Dr Walker is the second soccer official to become ill overseas.

**Paul Mirabella**

Phil Hammond (Hakoah-St. Kilda) will not return to Australia. Phil, who left or England before the holidays, to visit his sick father, informed the Middle parkers that he has decided to stay at home.

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Mr. J. Linarello, an Adelaide soccer writer, has been approached by the Australian Soccer Press Association, Victorian branch, to form a South Australian Branch of the ASPA.

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Holland-runner-up in the 1974 World Cup, will boycott the finals if it manages to qualify. That is if FIFA insists on staging the finals in Argentina, a country beset by internal political strife and uncertainty.

Following the assassination of the president of the Argentine World Cup Organising Committee several of Holland's top soccer administrators began campaigning against Argentina as venue for the finals.

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Roberto le Cecconie, a 28 year old Italian soccer player, was shot dead in Rome in a jewellery shop. The popular midfielder entered the shop with a friend who made a joke, telling the proprietor: "This is a hold up". The proprietor, who has been previously robbed, grabbed a gun and fired a shot which killed Roberto.

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Ruch-Chorzow, 10 times champion of Poland, finished the first round of the 1976-77 National championship close to the bottom of the ladder. It is the worst season for Ruch in the past 15-20 years.

The Philips national league will start in eight weeks, so all 14 clubs involved are recruiting heavily and the league management, with **John Frank** as the head, is doing everything possible to make the start of the Philips League a great success.

Mr Frank, together with representatives of the Airlines involved is organising a conference in Melbourne on February 12, the day the Soccerroos play Israel.

At 11.30 am, coaches of the 14 clubs and representatives of the Australian Soccer Press Association will assemble at the Dorset Gardens, Dorset Rd, Croydon (off Canterbury Rd.) for discussions.

# Taiwan keeps us at odds with Oceania

**The visit of FIFA president Dr. Joao Havelange and secretary Dr. Helmut Kaeser did little to resolve the conflict between Australia and the Oceania Confederation.**

The ASF is still adamant it will not join Oceania while the Republic of China is retained as a member under that name and while the secretary and treasurer have voting powers.

Australia believes that only delegates of member countries should be allowed to vote.

## Alexander coup

**Fitzroy Alexander, having sold Socceroo Jack Reilly to Hellas for a reputed $5,000 will show a big profit on the deal with the arrival of Roddy McKenzie from Clydebank.**

**McKenzie, who was an everpresent for Clydebank last season was in goal for Northern Ireland against Wales in 1967.**


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## ARTHUR BEST

**For those who haven't heard — Arthur Xanthopoulos won the South Melbourne Hellas Supporters' Club's best player award.**

His prize was a trip to Tasmania.

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A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

# Local boys pushed out!

I am livid after reading last week's news about the same old players once again being "flogged" on the soccer market, and on top of that how many overseas "stars" are being brought out to play for certain clubs? I turned purple with anger.

So OK, I did say last week that the good news would come this week, but I must get this off my chest first. **We must get the VSF to stop the importation of players!**

What you and I are watching when we go to see a State League match, are not Australian soccer players. They are a mixed-up group of all nationalties and the team with the most money in the "kitty" wins the league.

If something is not done about it now, it will only get worse. With clubs now building licensed club rooms, their finances will be booming and next year they'll be able to buy an even better team and win even more games.

It may be good business but it won't help improve our local standard of soccer. Just the opposite — it will make the whole junior set-up a waste of time and effort.

Some clubs will of course tell us they have tried using local talent and nearly got relegated. This is of course true. One could not expect a team of young boys to defeat a team of men, but we have at this moment enough good senior players to start forming teams comprised of both senior and good junior players.

Granted, the standard of our soccer may drop a little for a couple of years, but at least the competition would be more even and certainly more interesting.

Not only that, but you may just find that our young players may get a lot keener if they can see that providing they are good enough, they will at least be given a chance!

**Why don't you big clubs, instead of wasting your money on buying old players send two of your most promising young players overseas for one or two years—all expenses paid — to play and train with top teams and be coached by top men?**

I am sure that this kind of investment would not only pay off for the club but would give some incentive to all young players to really try to make the grade.

**Why don't you give it a try? On the same note, let us see if we can manage to send a national under 16 team overseas to so that we can assess just how we compare with overseas teams.**

I for one have no doubt that we will hold our own!

# STODDART THE STAR BUY QUITS CANBERRA

**Canberra, which faces a big enough problem in building a team from scratch, has already lost its best recruit, John Stoddart.**

Stoddart, the former St George star who left for Hong Kong last year, left Canberra claiming the national league club had not found him the job it had promised.

**"The best Canberra could do for me," he said, "was to get me a job driving a truck for a soft drinks company ... or working as a garbage man."**

Stoddart said that when he left Hong Kong, he was promised a job as a sales representative with a cigarette firm. A car had also been promised, he said.

Stoddart is now back in Sydney, looking for a club.

However, his brother **Brian**, brought over by Canberra from South Africa, is still with Canberra although he and another South African, **Ron Tilsed**, are both without jobs.

# Drago's in hot water

**Legendary Yugoslav Dragoslav Sekularac (pictured) is in hot water.**

**Sekularac, former star of Red Star and the Yugoslav national team, has been disciplined by the Belgrade zone league for having abused the referee and two linesmen in a recent match.**

**The discipline took the form of a severe reprimand — next time the temperamental Sekularac won't get off as lightly.**

# Polonia's scoring goals!

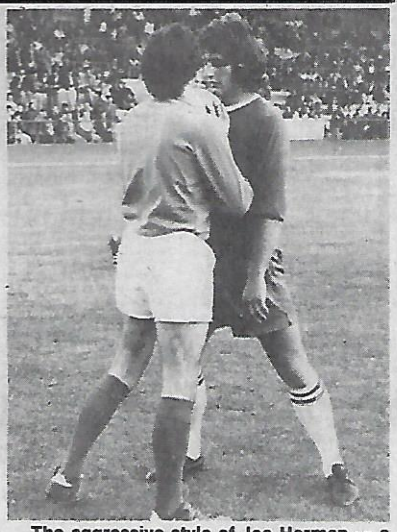
**Polonia is scoring goals — something it wasn't able to do last year.**

In recent practice matches it drew 4-4 with Hakoah and beat Altona 3-0.

Coburg City recruit **Phil Altieri** was effective against Hakoah, scoring two goals, with the others coming from **Joe Herman** and **Ralph Esposito.**

Goals in the victory against Altona were scored by **Hugh Humphries, Joe Herman** and **Ron Horfiniak.**

Polonia's first Ampol Cup match is against Ringwood City on February 11.



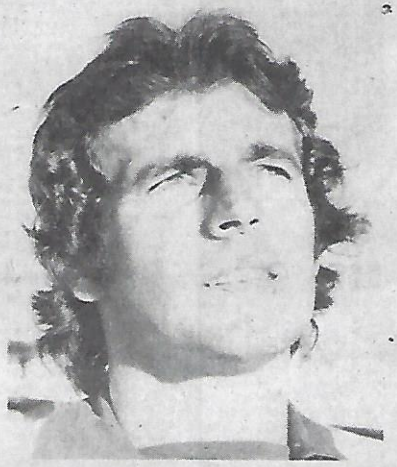
**The aggressive style of Joe Herman — a style that should give him many goals this year.**

# New home for the Airmen

**TAA, of the Victorian Industrial League Second Division, will play on a new ground, Strathnaver Reserve, this year.**

Training will start in March and the first league game is on Sunday, April 3.

# Col Curran returns to Suburbs



**Former international full back Col Curran, once described by Rale Rasic as the most complete footballer in Australia, has returned from Newcastle to rejoin Philips League club Western Suburbs.**

Curran (pictured) had been playing for Adamstown Rosebuds.

He will continue to live in Newcastle.

The World Cup star, now 29, quit the national squad when he returned to his native Newcastle after the World Cup, but there is now speculation that he may rejoin the Socceroos if he is picked by coach **Jim Shoulder**.

# Ampol Cup prize for writers

**Victorian Soccer Federation will award $300 for the best two stories published on the 1977 Ampol Cup night series.**

The award will be given to two journalists — $150 to the writer of the best report published in an ethnic newspaper.

Newspapers are asked to submit to the Victorian Soccer Federation, 52 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, all cuttings of reports on the Ampol Cup series.

The judging will be by a sub committee nominated by the VSF board of management of the at the end of the cup series. The judges decision will be final.

The semi final will be on Saturday, March 26, and the final on Saturday, April 2.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# Bribery scandal is over

**The infamous Bundesliga bribery scandal of 1971 is finally over. After years of court cases and trials, the last punishments were handed out: Fischer, Lutkebohmert, Russmann and Schieray (all Schalke 04) and Wittkamp (now Borussia Monchengladbach) were banned until January 14, 1977, and together they had to pay $10,000 to the national cancer fund.**

**The players were punished for allegedly taking bribes for losing the Schalke/Almania Bielefield game (0-1) in April, 1971.**

**The talented Klaus Fischer, 27, had been banned from the national team during this period, but as predicted earlier in the season, will now be called up by Helmut Schoen.**

# Paul gets stamp of approval

**Paul Enion, 10, is set for a great future in soccer, according to Rale Rasic and Johnny Warren.**

**Paul (pictured) recently spent a week at the Rasic-Warren coaching school at Dural, NSW.**

**An assessment of him by Rasic, Warren and fellow coach Raul Blanco reads: "Paul showed outstanding ability during his stay.**

**His behavior was outstanding and a credit to his parents."**

**His ratings were: physical qualities, average; technique, very good; application, excellent; individual ability, very good; team play, good.**

**Paul, of Melbourne under 11s, is the son of Hellas masseur Chris Enion.**

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# FRANZ BECKENBAUER THE BEST IN EUROPE

**West German captain Franz Beckenbauer of Bayern Munich is the 1976 European Footballer of the year.**

*The poll was conducted by the French magazine France Football.*

Beckenbauer, 31, received 91 votes from leading European journalists to win the trophy for the second time.

Runner-up was **Robbie Rensenbrink**, 29, of Anderlecht and Holland, who received 75 votes.

Third was Czechoslovakia's goalkeeper **Ivo Viktor** (52 votes) followed by Liverpool's **Kevin Keegan** (32 votes) and **Platini** of Nancy, France (19 votes).

**Alan Ball (left) in action for England against Herbert Wimmer of West Germany.**

# Alan Ball earns $790 a week

**LONDON. — Southampton's former English international Alan Ball has replaced George Best as Britain's highest paid footballer.**

Ball, 31, one of the linchpins in England's 1966 World Cup success, is earning in excess of 500 sterling ($790 Aust) a week with current FA Cup holder, Second Division side Southampton.

Ball's 60,000 sterling ($96,000 Aust) transfer fee from Arsenal in December was modest by present day standards but the amount Southampton was prepared to pay on top of that was subject to speculation.

Best, the former Northern Ireland and Manchester United "wonder boy" arrived from the Los Angeles Aztecs last August to accept a 400 sterling ($630 Aust) a week offer from Second Division Fulham. — AAP

## Star of Ireland

**Liam Brady (pictured) of Arsenal has been voted Ireland's soccer star for 1976.**

**The award, which embraces all Ireland, is voted by the sports editors of all the national newspapers.**

**The trophy will stay in London as last year's winner was Q.P.R. striker Don Givens.**

**'Supermouth' — Malcolm Macdonald.**

# 'Supermouth' on target for Gunners

*From ROBERT SMITH*

**LONDON, — Arsenal manager Terry Neill laid his cards on the table last October and called his 333,333 sterling (about $520,000 Aust.) striker Malcolm Macdonald lazy and "in need of a good kick up the rear."**

*Strong words, but Neill thought it about time, for Macdonald had come down from Tyneside regarded as a soccer goal-shooting maverick but could manage only six goals in three months' football.*

*It was a poor dividend for Arsenal's massive third of a million pound purchase but Neill's verbal broadside appears to be reaping a goal harvest.*

*"Supermac," as Macdonald's fans at Newcastle labelled him, has come good with a vengeance, beginning with a stunning rebuff to his old colleagues and supporters.*

*Early in December, Macdonald, just turned 27, slammed a hat-trick past Newcastle, then followed up with two more against Manchester United and another pair against Tottenham Hotspurs.*

*In five matches in December's treacherous icy conditions, supermac had struck back with a flourish.*

*Macdonald doesn't mince his words and says if you have an opinion you should voice it. The* **London Evening Standard** *this week tagged him "Macmouthful".*

*"There are those in football who wish to say nothing. When things are out of order the majority of people sit on the fence and give it the three monkeys — see no evil, near no evil, speak no evil.*

*"I'm not one of these people — I believe if you've got an opinion you should voice it," Macdonald claims.*

*And voice it he does.*

*More than a year ago his old team Newcastle eliminated Second Division Notts County from the League Cup.*

*"We were playing badly at the time," he recalled. "The atmosphere in the dressing room was stagnant with no one doing anything.*

*"We beat Notts County that night with a lucky goal. I had a right go in the dressing room afterwards but it had no reaction.*

*"So I saw manager Gordon Lee and told him there were a few things I wanted to say at the next team meeting," Macdonald said.*

*"During the meeting they all sat there with their heads down and shuffling their feet, so I stood up and really laid into them.*

*"Perhaps it was out of order but it needed saying. I suppose that was the beginning of the end for me at Newcastle," he reminisced.*

*Macdonald still has ties in Tyneside with two fashion houses.*

*"Business has increased . . . strange that. I thought I might have to erect steel shutters when I left," he claimed.*

*The bandylegged striker of the old fashioned mould believes hotel life may have played a part in his slow start with the north London club.*

*Macdonald is waiting to move into a new home near the capital and claims his Arsenal teammates are gradually getting used to his style of play.*

*"In a matter of a few weeks it no longer feels a strange side, you feel at home, you know what is happening and why."*

*Macdonald sees fantasy in football for the people who pay their way through the turnstiles each week.*

*"It's all about the magic of football . . . about the things that will never happen to the ordinary bloke. "When you think about it we're doing exactly the same thing as a comic strip character on a Saturday," Macdonald revealed.*

*"We're going out there and living other people's dreams. They see the number nine on my back but they see their own face.*

*"When you knock one in, the boy sees himself standing there, with his arms saluting the sky and listening to the crowd's appreciative roar.*

*"It's an imaginary world," Macdonald confessed.*

*One thing that's not fantasy for Macdonald is his quest for a return to the England team. He quipped that he'd play for national manager Don Revie for nothing.*

*English forward Mike Channon from Southampton sums up Macdonald.*

*"If Malcolm's legs were straight he'd be the tallest man in England."*

*And he well nigh could be if he keeps banging in those golden goals for Arsenal.*

# Clean-up at Sunderland

**Sunderland, which is in bottom place in the English First Division and has failed to score a goal in the past nine games, has offered seven of its players for sale.**

**Jimmy Adamson**, who took over recently as manager, said on the list for transfer are:

**Jim Montgomery**, goalkeeper; **Jim Holton, Dick Malone**, defenders; **Tommy Gibb, Ray Train**, midfielders, and **Roy Greenwood** and **Alan Foggon**, forwards.

Adamson did not say how much he was asking for the players, but Sunderland paid £140,000 sterling ($221,000 Aust.) to Hull City for Greenwood and £80,000 sterling ($126,000 Aust.) to Manchester United for Holton.

Montgomery was the hero of the FA Cup final at Wembley stadium in 1973, when Sunderland sensationally won the Cup as a Second Division team. It won promotion last season, but is in danger of dropping straight back to the Second Division. — AAP.

**Jim Holton**

**Dick Malone**

**Jim Montgomery**

# POOR JOHAN!

**Ajax Amersterdam, PSV Eindhoven, Feyenoord, 1. FC Cologne and an English club have made offers to Johan Neeskens who says he wants to leave Spanish club Barcelona when his contract expires at the end of June.**

**Neeskens, 25, a midfielder in Holland's 1974 World Cup team, reckons the fall of the peseta against the Dutch florin means he has been losing money.**

**Poor Johan! His basic salary is only $90,000 and his bonuses so far are as little as $12,000.**

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2nd WEEK SATURDAY 23rd APRIL: Ardeer v Springvale City, Albion Rovers v St. Albans, Western Suburbs v Melbourne, Croydon City v Waverley City, Keilor City v Keilor.

SUNDAY 24th APRIL: Dandenong City v Box Hill.

3rd WEEK SATURDAY 30th APRIL: Waverley City v Dandenong City, St. Albans v Western Suburbs, Springvale City v Albion Rovers, Ardeer v Keilor City.

SUNDAY 1st MAY: Box Hill v Keilor, Melbourne v Croydon City.

4th WEEK SATURDAY 7th MAY: Albion Rovers v Ardeer, Western Suburbs v Springvale City, Keilor City v Box Hill, Dandenong City v Melbourne.

SUNDAY 8th MAY: Croydon City v St Albans, Keilor v Waverley City.

5th WEEK SATURDAY 14th MAY: Melbourne v Keilor, St. Albans v Dandenong City, Springvale City v Croydon City, Ardeer v Western Suburbs.

SUNDAY 15th MAY: Waverley City v Box Hill, Albion Rovers v Keilor City.

6th WEEK SATURDAY 21st MAY: Western Suburbs v Albion Rovers, Croydon City v Ardeer, Keilor v St. Albans, Box Hill v Melbourne.

SUNDAY 22nd MAY: Keilor City v Waverley City, Dandenong City v Springvale City.

7th WEEK SATURDAY 28th MAY: Melbourne v Waverley City, St. Albans v Box Hill, Springvale City v Keilor, Albion Rovers v Croydon City.

SUNDAY 29th MAY: Ardeer v Dandenong City, Western Suburbs v Keilor City.

8th WEEK SATURDAY 4th JUNE: Croydon City v Western Suburbs, Keilor City v Melbourne, Dandenong City v Albion Rovers, Waverley City v St. Albans.

SUNDAY 15th JUNE: Keilor v Ardeer, Box Hill v Springvale City.

9th WEEK SATURDAY 11th JUNE: Springvale City v Waverley City, Ardeer v Box Hill, Albion Rovers v Keilor, Croydon City v Keilor City.

SUNDAY 12th JUNE: St. Albans v Melbourne, Western Suburbs v Dandenong City.

10th WEEK SATURDAY 18th JUNE: Keilor City v St. Albans, Dandenong City v Croydon City, Waverley City v Ardeer, Melbourne v Springvale City.

SUNDAY 19th JUNE: Box Hill v Albion Rovers, Keilor v Western Suburbs.

11th WEEK SATURDAY 25th JUNE: Albion Rovers v Waverley City, Western Suburbs v Box Hill, Keilor City v Dandenong City.

SUNDAY 26th JUNE: Springvale City v St. Albans, Ardeer v Melbourne, Croydon City v Keilor.

12th WEEK SATURDAY 2nd JULY: Western Suburbs v Waverley City, Ardeer v St. Albans, Keilor City v Springvale City.

SUNDAY 3rd JULY: Dandenong City v Keilor, Croydon City v Box Hill, Albion Rovers v Melbourne.

13th WEEK SATURDAY 9th JULY: Springvale City v Ardeer, St. Albans v Albion Rovers, Keilor v Keilor City, Box Hill v Dandenong City.

SUNDAY 10th JULY: Melbourne v Western Suburbs, Waverley City v Croydon City.

14th WEEK SATURDAY 16th JULY: Keilor v Box Hill, Dandenong City v Waverley City, Western Suburbs v St. Albans.

SUNDAY 17th JULY: Croydon City v Melbourne, Albion Rovers v Springvale City, Keilor City v Ardeer.

15th WEEK SATURDAY 23rd JULY: Ardeer v Albion Rovers, Box Hill v Keilor City, Waverley City v Keilor.

SUNDAY 24th JULY: Springvale City v Western Suburbs, St. Albans v Croydon City, Melbourne v Dandenong City.

16th WEEK SATURDAY 30th JULY: Box Hill v Waverley City, Keilor v Melbourne, Croydon City v Springvale City.

SUNDAY 31st JULY: Dandenong City v St. Albans, Western Suburbs v Ardeer, Keilor City v Albion Rovers.

17th WEEK SATURDAY 6th AUGUST: Albion Rovers v Western Suburbs, Waverley City v Keilor City, Melbourne v Box Hill.

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST: Ardeer v Croydon City, Springvale City v Dandenong City, St. Albans v Keilor.

18th WEEK SATURDAY 13th AUGUST: Waverley City v Melbourne, Dandenong City v Ardeer, Croydon City v Albion Rovers, Keilor City v Western Suburbs.

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST: Box Hill v St. Albans, Keilor v Springvale City.

19th WEEK SATURDAY 20th AUGUST: Western Suburbs v Croydon City, Melbourne v Keilor City, Ardeer v Keilor City, St. Albans v Waverley City.

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST: Albion Rovers v Dandenong, Springvale City v Box Hill.

20th WEEK SATURDAY 27th AUGUST: Melbourne v St. Albans, Box Hill v Ardeer, Keilor v Albion Rovers, Dandenong City v Western Suburbs.

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST: Waverley City v Springvale City, Keilor City v Croydon City.

21st WEEK SATURDAY 3rd September: Croydon City v Dandenong City, Albion Rovers v Box Hill, Ardeer v Waverley City, Springvale City v Melbourne.

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER: St. Albans v Keilor City, Western Suburbs v Keilor.

22nd Week Saturday 10th September: St. Albans v Springvale City, Box Hill v Western Suburbs, Keilor v Croydon City, Dandenong City v Keilor City.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER: Melbourne v Ardeer, Waverley City v Albion Rovers.

## SECOND DIVISION VICTORIA

1st WEEK SATURDAY 16th APRIL: Moreland v South Melbourne, Mooroolbark U. v Bell Park, Footscray v Richmond, Brighton v Ferntree Gully, Eltham v Collingwood City, Fitzroy Utd. v Doveton.

2nd WEEK SATURDAY 23rd APRIL: Collingwood C. v Fitzroy Utd., Ferntree Gully v Eltham, Richmond v Brighton, Bell Park v Footscray, Doveton v Moreland, Sth. Melbourne v Mooroolbark Utd.

3rd WEEK SATURDAY 30th APRIL: Mooroolbark Utd. v Moreland, Footscray v South Melbourne, Brighton v Bell Park, Eltham v Richmond, Fitzroy Utd. v Ferntree Gully, Collingwood C. v Doveton.

4th WEEK SATURDAY 7th MAY: Ferntree Gully v Collingwood City, Richmond v Fitzroy Utd., Bell Park v Eltham, Doveton v Mooroolbark Utd., Sth. Melbourne v Brighton, Moreland v Footscray.

5th WEEK SATURDAY 14th MAY: Footscray v Mooroolbark Utd., Brighton v Moreland, Eltham v Sth. Melbourne, Fitzroy Utd. v Bell Park, Collingwood City v Richmond, Ferntree Gully v Doveton.

6th WEEK SATURDAY 21st MAY: Richmond v Ferntree Gully, Bell Park v Collingwood City, Doveton v Footscray, Sth. Melbourne v Fitzroy Utd., Moreland v Eltham, Mooroolbark Utd. v Brighton.

7th WEEK SATURDAY 28th MAY: Brighton v Footscray, Eltham v Mooroolbark Utd., Fitzroy Utd. v Moreland, Collingwood City V Sth. Melbourne, Ferntree Gully v Bell Park, Richmond v Doveton.

8th WEEK SATURDAY 4th JUNE: Bell Park v Richmond, Doveton v Brighton, Sth. Melbourne v Ferntree Gully, Moreland v Collingwood City, Mooroolbark Utd. v Fitzroy Utd., Footscray v Eltham.

9th WEEK SATURDAY 11th JUNE: Eltham v Brighton, Fitzroy Utd. v Footscray, Collingwood City v Mooroolbark Utd., Ferntree Gully v Moreland, Richmond v Sth. Melbourne, Bell Park v Doveton.

10th WEEK SATURDAY 18th JUNE: Doveton v Eltham, Sth. Melbourne v Bell Park, Mooroolbark Utd. v Ferntree Gully, Footscray v Collingwood City, Brighton v Fitzroy Utd., Moreland v Richmond.

11th WEEK SATURDAY 25th JUNE: Fitzroy Utd. v Eltham, Collingwood City v Brighton, Ferntree Gully v Footscray, Richmond v Mooroolbark Utd., Bell Park v Moreland, Doveton v Sth. Melbourne.

12th WEEK SATURDAY 2nd JULY: Sth. Melbourne v Moreland, Bell Park v Mooroolbark Utd., Richmond v Footscray, Ferntree Gully v Brighton, Collingwood City v Eltham, Doveton v Fitzroy Utd.

13th WEEK SATURDAY 9th JULY: Fitzroy Utd. v Collingwood City, Eltham v Ferntree Gully, Brighton v Richmond, Footscray v Bell Park, Moreland v Doveton, Mooroolbark Utd. v Sth. Melbourne.

14th WEEK SATURDAY 16th JULY: Moreland v Mooroolbark Utd., Sth. Melbourne v Footscray, Bell Park v Brighton, Richmond v Eltham, Ferntree Gully v Fitzroy Utd., Doveton v Collingwood City.

15th WEEK SATURDAY 23rd JULY: Collingwood City v Ferntree Gully, Fitzroy Utd. v Richmond, Eltham v Bell Park, Mooroolbark Utd. v Doveton, Brighton v Sth. Melbourne, Footscray v Moreland.

16th WEEK SATURDAY 30th JULY: Mooroolbark Utd. v Footscray, Moreland v Brighton, Sth. Melbourne v Eltham, Bell Park v Fitzroy Utd., Rich-

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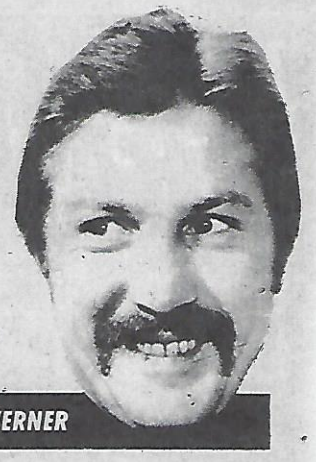
# Don't tell us, we know all



KNUT WERNER

**That uniquely Australian creature, "Australis Arrogantus Top-bestus," has once again been sighted in the seminar region of a Czech soccer expert's talk to Australian "counterparts".**

This creature is found in all regions of the Australian social strata.

Easily recognisable, this bi-ped has the unusual stance of extreme up-rightiousness with pointing finger of each hand firmly intruding each ear.

The mouth of this creature is inevitably open and emits a sound similar to this:

I- don't- care- who-you- are- aussies- are-the- best- at- everything."

I understand that the latest form taken by "AAT" was that of a prominent coach, not unknown to overseas travel.

After the Czech doctors and what have you gave, what was to many an enlightening and interesting eight days, our creature, after the before-described opening howl, continued.

"This news might be all-right to the outer Zambians and the population of the Isle of Capri, but Australians, blessed by being the greatest people in the universe, are really past such questionable advice.

And the word questionable is the applicable adjective in this sense.

I mean, how are we to know that these foreigners have not been hired by the KGB to bring Australian soccer to it's knees?

Of course one has to question the credentials of people with high falootin' little letters in front of their names.

We must all ask "If they are so good, what are they doing in Australia?"

Just because they have an impeccable record in their own country doesn't mean that Australians could possibly need their advice.

I understand that Czechoslavakia is not even adjoined by one of the great oceans of the world.

Being the last person to criticise others, I must say that if results were taken into account, then a certain team, not known to overseas travel, well . . . . .

There is a not often repeated case in Australia where a high ranking official was once recorded as saying, "It was a pleasure to receive these experts from overseas and I can say that we have learnt a great deal from the advanced expertise of these visitors."

This high ranking official is now constantly at sea.

His passport and citizen status have been removed by an act of parliament for un-Australian activities.

# HOW THEY FINISHED

*Final 1976 ladders for the Victorian District League:*

### SOUTH DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North Springvale | 18 | 4 | 0 | 68 | 16 | 40 |
| Sandown | 14 | 8 | 0 | 73 | 25 | 36 |
| North Dandenong | 15 | 1 | 6 | 66 | 27 | 31 |
| South Oakleigh | 11 | 3 | 8 | 37 | 30 | 25 |
| Mordialloc | 8 | 7 | 7 | 32 | 28 | 23 |
| Boronia | 9 | 3 | 10 | 41 | 44 | 21 |
| Hampton | 9 | 2 | 11 | 44 | 54 | 20 |
| Monbulk | 7 | 4 | 11 | 33 | 36 | 18 |
| Berwick City | 5 | 8 | 9 | 33 | 42 | 18 |
| Karingal | 7 | 3 | 12 | 30 | 48 | 17 |
| Clarinda | 6 | 1 | 15 | 28 | 63 | 13 |
| Noble Park | 0 | 2 | 20 | 17 | 89 | 2 |

### WEST DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Williamstown | 16 | 3 | 1 | 70 | 19 | 35 |
| Sunbury Utd. | 12 | 7 | 1 | 50 | 11 | 31 |
| Yarraville | 11 | 2 | 7 | 37 | 26 | 24 |
| Ascot Utd. | 9 | 4 | 7 | 38 | 41 | 22 |
| Wiltona | 8 | 4 | 8 | 43 | 35 | 20 |
| Melton | 6 | 8 | 6 | 39 | 37 | 20 |
| North Sunshine | 7 | 4 | 9 | 34 | 41 | 18 |
| East Carlton | 7 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 31 | 17 |
| Kensington | 6 | 4 | 10 | 24 | 33 | 16 |
| Mossfiel Rangers | 4 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 36 | 11 |
| Central Brunswick | 2 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 79 | 8 |

### NORTH DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greensborough | 16 | 3 | 1 | 71 | 23 | 35 |
| Gladstone Park | 15 | 4 | 1 | 65 | 19 | 34 |
| Thomastown | 13 | 3 | 4 | 54 | 22 | 29 |
| Regent | 10 | 6 | 4 | 55 | 28 | 26 |
| Bulleen | 10 | 5 | 5 | 61 | 27 | 25 |
| Mitcham | 9 | 1 | 10 | 41 | 41 | 19 |
| Rosanna | 6 | 4 | 10 | 39 | 49 | 16 |
| Banksia | 5 | 4 | 11 | 37 | 48 | 14 |
| Diamond Creek | 5 | 0 | 15 | 31 | 100 | 10 |
| Latrobe University | 3 | 2 | 15 | 28 | 96 | 8 |
| Glaveston (disbanded) | 1 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 43 | 4 |

### EAST DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Melbourne | 13 | 7 | 0 | 57 | 22 | 33 |
| Royal Park | 14 | 1 | 5 | 66 | 12 | 29 |
| Burnley | 12 | 5 | 3 | 50 | 18 | 29 |
| Nunawading Utd. | 12 | 4 | 4 | 94 | 23 | 28 |
| Thornbury | 10 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 24 | 25 |
| Crescent Utd. | 8 | 5 | 7 | 42 | 46 | 21 |
| Stradbroke | 7 | 4 | 9 | 52 | 41 | 18 |
| Clifton Hill | 6 | 1 | 11 | 39 | 44 | 17 |
| R.M.I.T. | 4 | 3 | 13 | 30 | 50 | 11 |
| Cheltenham | 4 | 1 | 15 | 31 | 62 | 9 |
| Frognall RAAF | 0 | 0 | 20 | 12 | 170 | 0 |

### CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Postal Institute | 12 | 0 | 4 | 47 | 36 | 24 |
| Pascoe Vale | 9 | 5 | 2 | 32 | 18 | 23 |
| Hawthorn | 9 | 3 | 4 | 57 | 19 | 21 |
| East Brunswick | 8 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 17 | 21 |
| Hawkesburn | 5 | 5 | 6 | 38 | 38 | 15 |
| Carnegie | 4 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 32 | 13 |
| Croxton | 5 | 2 | 9 | 24 | 49 | 12 |
| Balaclava | 2 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 54 | 8 |
| North Melbourne | 2 | 3 | 11 | 24 | 43 | 7 |

# Overseas scoreboard

ENGLISH FA CUP — Fourth Round: Arsenal 3, Coventry 1; Aston Villa 3, West Ham 0; Birmingham 1, Leeds 2; Blackburn 3, Orient 0; Cardiff 3, Wrexham 2; Chester 1, Luton 0; Colchester 1, Derby 1; Ipswich 2, Wolves 2; Liverpool 3, Carlisle 0; Man. Utd. 1, QPR 0; Middlesbrough 4, Hereford 0; Newcastle 1, Man. City 3; Norwich 1, Chelsea 3; Nott. Forest 3, Southampton 3; Port Vale 2, Burnley 1; Swindon 2, Everton 2.

REPLAYS: February 1: Everton v. Swindon; Southampton v. Nott. Forest, Wolves v. Ipswich, February 2: Derby v. Colchester.

DIVISION ONE: Norwich 1, Stoke (postponed Dec. 11); Sunderland v. West Bromwich postponed.

DIVISION TWO: Charlton 1, Notts County 1 (postponed Dec. 18).

DIVISION THREE: Brighton 4, Lincoln 0; Bury 1, Reading 0; Chesterfield 1, Preston 1; Gillingham 1, Oxford 1; Grimsby 0, Northampton 1; Mansfield v. Walsall (postponed), Peterborough 2, Shrewsbury 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot 1, Crewe 1; Barnsley 3, Bournemouth 1; Bradford 1, Exeter 1; Brentford 2, Halifax 1; Cambridge 4, Darlington 0; Southport 1, Watford 3; Swansea 4, Hartlepool 2; Torquay 2, Rochdale 0; Workington 1; Doncaster 1.

Friday night matches:

DIVISION THREE — Tranmere 1, Portsmouth 3.

DIVISION FOUR — Newport 0, Scunthorpe 0. (brought forward from Jan. 29); Southend 0, Stockport 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Bath 0, Nuneaton Borough 0; Bedford 3, Burton Albion 3; Dartford 0, Chelmsford 1; Dover 1, Alvanstone 0; Hillingdon 4, Weymouth 5, Maidstone 1, Grantham 0; Margate v Telford postponed; Redditch 0, Kettering 2; Wealstone 1, Minehead 4; Wimbledon 2, Gravesend 1; Yeovil 1, A. P. Leamington 0.

SCOTTISH FA CUP: Third Round — Airdrie 1, Celtic 1; Arbroath 1, Brechin 0; Dunfermline 0, Aberdeen 1; East Fife 2, Clyde 1; East Stirling 0, Albion R. 3; Hearts 1, Dumbarton 1; Hamilton 0, Ayr United 1; Motherwell 3, Kilmarnock 0; Queens Park 0, Alloa 0; Queen Of The South 3, Montrose 2; Rangers 3, Falkirk 1; St. Johnstone v. Dundee postponed; St. Mirren 4, Dundee United 1; Stirling Alb. 1, Elgin 1; Hamilton v. Clydebank and Hibernian v. Partick Thistle to be played Sunday.

DIVISION TWO — Cowdenbeath 3, Meadowbank 0; (postponed from Dec. 18); Forfar 1, Berwick Rangers 0 (postponed from Dec. 11).

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE. — Ballymena v Glentoran postponed; Bangor 0, Glenavon 2; Cliftonville 0, Crusaders 3; Distillery 0, Ards 0; Linfield 1, Coleraine 0; Portadown 1, Larne 2.

### ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | 14 | 5 | 8 | 41-24 | 33 |
| Ipswich | 13 | 6 | 3 | 41-20 | 32 |
| Man. City | 10 | 10 | 2 | 33-16 | 30 |
| Aston Villa | 12 | 3 | 7 | 44-28 | 27 |
| Arsenal | 10 | 7 | 6 | 41-35 | 27 |
| Middlesb. | 10 | 7 | 6 | 20-21 | 27 |
| Newcastle | 9 | 6 | 5 | 34-26 | 24 |
| Man. Utd | 9 | 6 | 7 | 38-32 | 24 |
| Leicester | 6 | 11 | 7 | 28-37 | 23 |
| Birmingham | 8 | 6 | 9 | 37-34 | 22 |
| West Brom | 7 | 8 | 7 | 30-27 | 22 |
| Leeds | 7 | 8 | 6 | 27-27 | 22 |
| Norwich | 8 | 6 | 9 | 25-30 | 22 |
| Coventry | 7 | 7 | 7 | 26-26 | 21 |
| Stoke | 6 | 7 | 8 | 13-23 | 19 |
| Derby | 5 | 8 | 7 | 28-27 | 18 |
| QPR | 7 | 4 | 9 | 25-30 | 18 |
| Everton | 6 | 6 | 10 | 32-43 | 18 |
| Spurs | 6 | 5 | 11 | 29-43 | 17 |
| Bristol C | 15 | 5 | 10 | 20 24 | 15 |
| West Ham | 4 | 5 | 13 | 20-35 | 13 |
| Sunderland | 2 | 6 | 16 | 13-36 | 10 |

### DIVISION TWO

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chelsea | 13 | 7 | 4 | 42-32 | 33 |
| Bolton | 14 | 4 | 5 | 42-28 | 32 |
| Notts. For. | 11 | 7 | 5 | 49-26 | 29 |
| Blackpool | 10 | 9 | 5 | 26-24 | 29 |
| Wolves | 10 | 8 | 4 | 51-27 | 28 |
| Charlton | 9 | 7 | 7 | 45-39 | 25 |
| Millwall | 10 | 4 | 8 | 36-31 | 24 |
| Oldham | 10 | 6 | 6 | 28-29 | 24 |
| Luton | 10 | 3 | 10 | 37-31 | 23 |
| Notts. Cnty | 9 | 4 | 8 | 34-34 | 22 |
| Sheff. Utd. | 7 | 8 | 7 | 26-30 | 22 |
| Bristol R | 8 | 6 | 11 | 35-44 | 22 |
| S'ton | 7 | 7 | 9 | 40-40 | 21 |
| Cardiff | 7 | 7 | 9 | 33-36 | 21 |
| Hull | 5 | 10 | 7 | 24-26 | 20 |
| Plymouth | 5 | 10 | 8 | 29-34 | 20 |
| Fulham | 6 | 8 | 11 | 33-41 | 20 |
| B'burn | 8 | 4 | 10 | 23-33 | 20 |
| Burnley | 4 | 10 | 9 | 26-36 | 18 |
| Carlisle | 6 | 6 | 12 | 25-47 | 18 |
| Orient | 4 | 7 | 8 | 19-25 | 15 |
| Hereford | 3 | 6 | 12 | 29-50 | 12 |

### DIVISION THREE

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brighton | 15 | 5 | 6 | 52-24 | 35 |
| Mansfield | 13 | 5 | 5 | 39-20 | 31 |
| Wrexham | 13 | 5 | 4 | 38-20 | 31 |
| Rotherham | 11 | 9 | 3 | 39-23 | 31 |
| Sheff.Wed. | 12 | 7 | 7 | 37-32 | 31 |
| Preston | 10 | 10 | 4 | 37-20 | 30 |
| Shrewsbury | 13 | 4 | 7 | 39-23 | 30 |
| Crystal Pal. | 9 | 9 | 5 | 27-18 | 27 |
| Bury | 11 | 5 | 9 | 33-39 | 27 |
| Oxford | 7 | 11 | 8 | 36-36 | 25 |
| Tranmere | 7 | 10 | 7 | 27-27 | 24 |
| Lincoln | 8 | 6 | 7 | 32-31 | 22 |
| Swindon | 8 | 6 | 7 | 30-31 | 22 |
| Chesterfield | 8 | 5 | 12 | 31-34 | 21 |
| Chester | 9 | 3 | 10 | 20-28 | 21 |
| Gillingham | 7 | 7 | 10 | 30-40 | 21 |
| P'borough | 7 | 7 | 11 | 26-36 | 20 |
| P'mouth | 5 | 10 | 10 | 29-36 | 20 |
| Grimsby | 7 | 4 | 13 | 25-36 | 18 |
| Reading | 7 | 4 | 14 | 27-39 | 18 |
| Port Vale | 4 | 9 | 10 | 25-33 | 17 |
| Walsall | 5 | 7 | 12 | 25-37 | 17 |
| W'mpton | 6 | 4 | 15 | 25-44 | 16 |
| York C. | 6 | 4 | 12 | 24-45 | 16 |

### DIVISION FOUR

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cambridge | 12 | 11 | 3 | 43-21 | 35 |
| Brentford | 12 | 7 | 6 | 40-31 | 31 |
| Southend | 9 | 13 | 2 | 32-17 | 31 |
| Colchester | 14 | 2 | 8 | 40-23 | 30 |
| Barnsley | 13 | 4 | 9 | 37-24 | 30 |
| Swansea | 12 | 5 | 8 | 44-34 | 29 |
| B'mouth | 10 | 9 | 6 | 34-24 | 29 |
| Exeter | 11 | 7 | 6 | 34-26 | 29 |
| Stockport | 11 | 7 | 7 | 30-27 | 29 |
| Watford | 10 | 8 | 6 | 34-25 | 28 |
| Rochdale | 9 | 9 | 7 | 27-21 | 27 |
| H'field | 10 | 7 | 8 | 29-26 | 27 |
| Crewe | 10 | 7 | 8 | 28-35 | 27 |
| Doncaster | 9 | 8 | 9 | 35-37 | 26 |
| Aldershot | 10 | 5 | 7 | 25-25 | 25 |
| Darlington | 9 | 6 | 8 | 26-35 | 24 |
| Sc'thorpe | 9 | 5 | 10 | 30-32 | 23 |
| T'quay U | 8 | 5 | 12 | 32-42 | 21 |
| H'pool | 4 | 9 | 12 | 27-44 | 17 |
| Halifax | 4 | 8 | 10 | 18-27 | 16 |
| S'port | 1 | 13 | 11 | 18-42 | 15 |
| B'ford | 5 | 4 | 16 | 36-48 | 14 |
| N'port | 2 | 6 | 12 | 11-30 | 12 |
| Work'ton | 2 | 7 | 15 | 19-47 | 11 |

### SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic | 11 | 4 | 2 | 37-17 | 26 |
| Aberdeen | 9 | 8 | 2 | 34-19 | 26 |
| Rangers | 9 | 6 | 4 | 31-19 | 24 |
| D'dee Utd | 9 | 3 | 5 | 30-23 | 21 |
| Hibs | 3 | 12 | 4 | 16-18 | 18 |
| Hearts | 4 | 8 | 8 | 27-34 | 16 |
| M'well | 5 | 5 | 8 | 29-33 | 15 |
| P. Thistle | 4 | 6 | 7 | 15-23 | 14 |
| Ayr | 5 | 4 | 10 | 25-40 | 14 |
| K'nock | 2 | 6 | 11 | 22-40 | 10 |

### DIVISION ONE

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St Mirren | 14 | 8 | 1 | 53-25 | 36 |
| C'bank | 13 | 8 | 2 | 52-19 | 34 |
| Dundee | 13 | 6 | 3 | 57-30 | 32 |
| Arbroath | 13 | 2 | 11 | 32-41 | 28 |
| Airdrie | 11 | 4 | 5 | 42-24 | 26 |
| Morton | 9 | 6 | 9 | 43-41 | 24 |
| Hamilton | 8 | 5 | 8 | 31-34 | 23 |
| Q.South | 6 | 6 | 7 | 38-35 | 22 |
| Montrose | 8 | 5 | 11 | 32-42 | 21 |
| B'burton | 6 | 8 | 8 | 32-33 | 20 |
| St. J'stone | 4 | 7 | 10 | 22-31 | 15 |
| Raith Rc. | 3 | 8 | 12 | 23-39 | 14 |
| East Fife | 3 | 8 | 13 | 22-49 | 14 |
| Falkirk | 3 | 5 | 15 | 24-60 | 11 |

### DIVISION TWO

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S'vor | 14 | 2 | 8 | 47-34 | 30 |
| Stir. Alb. | 12 | 3 | 2 | 38-19 | 27 |
| S'house | 12 | 2 | 6 | 27-19 | 26 |
| Queens P. | 10 | 5 | 6 | 37-30 | 25 |
| Clyde | 9 | 6 | 6 | 42-34 | 24 |
| Dunf. | 8 | 8 | 4 | 25-20 | 24 |
| Alloa | 8 | 7 | 4 | 36-25 | 23 |
| M'bank | 7 | 8 | 8 | 35-33 | 22 |
| C'beath | 7 | 4 | 10 | 24-36 | 18 |
| Albion P. | 5 | 7 | 7 | 33-32 | 17 |
| Berwick R | 6 | 5 | 12 | 18-32 | 17 |
| Brechin | 3 | 7 | 10 | 26-39 | 13 |
| E.Stirl. | 4 | 5 | 12 | 21-38 | 13 |
| Forfar | 3 | 5 | 13 | 22-40 | 11 |

### GREECE

Olympiakos 4, Kastoria 1; Iraklis 1; Panionios 1; Panachaiki 3, Yannina 1; OFI 2, Paok 1; Apollon 1, Panathinaikos 2; Aek 1, Atromitos 0; Kavala 2, Ethnikos 1; Panathinaikos 1, Pierikos 1; Panserraikos 1, Aris 1.

At the end of the first round and after 17 games, Olympiakos heads the table with 29 points, followed by Paok with 28 points. Panathinaikos and Aek with 27 points each, and Aris with 21.

### ITALY

Catanzaro 1, Milan 0; Cesena 0, Lazio 0; Inter 1, Fiorentina 1; Napoli 1, Perugia 1; Roma 3, Juventus 1; Sampdoria 0, Bologna 0; Torino 1, Foggia 0; Verona 3, Genoa 2.

### WEST GERMANY

1. FC Kaiserslautern 2, Hamburg SV 0; Fortuna Dusseldorf 0, Tennis Borussia Berlin 0; Werder Bremen 2, 1. FC Saarbruecken 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, 1. FC Cologne 0; Hertha BSC Berlin 2, HSV Duisburg Fere 4; VFL Bochum 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; Eintracht Brunswick 1, Bayern Munich 0; Borussia Dortmund 7, Karlsruher SC 2.

### HOLLAND

FC Den Haag 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; PSV Eindhoven 3, Ajax Amsterdam 1; Haarlem 0, NAC Breda 2; Az'67 Alkmaar 6, VVV Venlo 0; De Graafschap Doetinchem 0, FC Twente Enschede 2; Nac Nijmegen 0, Utrecht 2; Amsterdam 1, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Eindhoven 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 2, Tulstar Velsen 1.

Table after 21 games: 1. Ajax 33; 2. Feyenoord 32; 3. PSV 27; 4. Utrecht 26; 5. AZ'67 25.

### SPAIN

Real Sociedad 4, Celta 0; Espanol 3, Valencia 0; Elche Real 2, Zaragoza 0; Real Betis 2, Burgos 1; Hercules 1, Hercules 1; Real Madrid 1, Barcelona 1; Malaga 0, Athletic Bilbao 3; Salamanca 1, Atletico Madrid 1; Las Palmas 4, Sevilla 2.

Standing after 20 games: 1. Barcelona 28 points; 2. Atletico Madrid 27; 3. Real Sociedad 25; 4. Valencia 23; 5. Espanol 23.

### PORTUGAL

Benfica 2, Sporting 1; Setubal 0, Academica 2; Boavista 1, Estoril 0 (played last night); Belenenses 2, Braga 0 (played last night); Guimaraes 5, Atletico 0; Portimonense 0, Porto 2; Leixoes 1, Montijo 0; Beira Mar 0, Varzim 0.

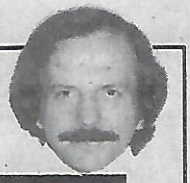
Overall classification after 16 matches: Sporting 26 points, Benfica 25, Porto 20, Boavista 19, Academica 18, Setubal 18, Braga 16, Varzim 16, Guimaraes 15, Belenenses 15, Estoril 14, Leixoes 13, Beira Mar 12, Portimonense 11, Montijo 10 and Atletico 8 points.

### FRANCE

Paris-Saint-Germain 0, Nimes 0; St Etienne 4, Troyes 0; Rheims 3, Nancy 3; Bordeaux 4, Angers 1; Nice 4, Reims 0; Metz 3, Marseilles 0; Nantes 2, Sochaux 1; Lens 2, Lyons 0; Valenciennes 1, Bastia 2; Lorel 1, Lille 0; Metz 3, Marseilles 0; Lens 2; Lyons 0; Lorel 1, Lille 0; Nantes 2; Sochaux 1, Valenciennes 1, Bastia 2.

### BELGIUM

FC Malinois 3, Beerschot 1; Ag Ostende 1, Lokeren 1; FC Liegeois 0, Anderlecht 1; Antwerp 2, Courtrai 2; Wegeren 1, Lierse 0; RWD Molenbeek 0, FC Bruges 3; Beveren 2, Standard Liege 0; Waterschei 0, Charleroi 1.



**PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'**

ΑΝΤΙΠΟΙΝΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΙΣ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΤΕΝΤ ΛΗΓΚ

Τό εἶχα προαναφέρι, ὅταν ἱδρύθηκε ἡ ἐθνική κατηγορία, ὅτι τά σωματεῖα πού ἔμειναν ἀπ' ἔξω θά προσπαθοῦσαν νά ἐκμεταλευτοῦν τήν κατάσταση ἀφοῦ διαθέτουν ἱκανούς ποδοσφαιριστάς γιά τούς ὁποίους ὑπάρχει ζωηρό διαφέρον ἐκ μέρους τῶν ὁμάδων τῆς ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας.

Τὸ πιό τελευταῖο παράδειγμα τό ὁποῖο ἐπαληθεύει τήν πρόβλεψη εἶναι τό Σάνσαην καί τό ποσόν πού ζητᾶ γιά τόν ἱκανώτατο ὀπισθοφύλακά του, Στῆς Κακόσκα. Γιά τόν παίκτη ἐνδιαφέροιται τουλάχιστον τρία σωματεῖα τῆς Βικτωρίας καί τό πιό ζωηρό ἐνδιαφέρον ἀπ' ὅλους ἔδειξε ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος ὁ ὁποῖος ὁπωσδήποτε χρειάζεται νά ἐνισχύση τήν ἄμυνά του ἀκόμη καί μετά τήν ἀγορά τοῦ Τζίμ Τάνζη.

Ὅλες ὅμως οἱ ἐνέργειες τοῦ Μέγα σκοντάφτουν πάνω σ' αὐτό πού ἀναφέραμε προηγουμένως. Τήν ἐκμετάλευση τῆς καταστάσεως ἐκ μέρους τοῦ Σάνσαην τό ὁποῖο ζητᾶ γιά τόν παίκτη του 12.000 δολλάρια!!!

Τὸ ποσό εἶναι παράλογο. Ὁ Μέγας δέν ὁ ποκήπτει στόν ἐκβιασμό καί μάλλιστα ὅταν γιά τόν Τάνζη πλήρωσε περίπου 4.000 δολλάρια λιγώτερα, καί τό θέμα στήν προκειμένη περίπτωση εἶναι ὁ ἴδιος ὁ παίκτης πού βλέπει τήν καριέρα του στό ποδοσφαιρο νά σβύνη ἀντί νά καλυτερεύει μέ τήν ἐθνικκή κατηγορία. Σέ δηλώσεις του δεικνεῖ διαθέσεις νά παραιτηθῆ, πρᾶγμα τό ὁποῖο σημαίνει τήν ἀπώλεια ἑνός ἀναγνωρισμένης ἀξίας ποδοσφαιριστή ἀπό τό τοπικό ποδόσφαιρο καί τήν πιθανή εἰσαγωγή κάποιου ἀπό τό ἐξωτερικό ἀμφιβόλου ἀξίας.

Καί δέν εἶναι μόνον ὁ Κακόσκα πού θά πάη χαμένος ἀπό τήν ἀδιαλλακτικότητα τοῦ Σάνσαην..

Εἶναι καί ἄλλα σωματεῖα πού παρέμειναν στό Στέντ Λήγκ τά ὁποῖα διαθέτουν ἱκανούς παῖκτες ὅπως ἡ Τζώρτζ Κρός ἔχει τόν ταλαντοῦχο ἔξω δεξιά Ἐμπίνι, ἡ Γιου βέντους τούς νεαρούς ἀδελφούς Σκιπατούσι ἡ Πρέστον τόν Πήτερ Λώμετς κλπ., παῖκτες οἱ ὁποῖοι θέλουν νά κάνουν καρριέρα στήν ἐθνική κατηγορία ἀλλά βλέπουν τά ὄνειρά τους νά γκρεμίζωνται λόγω τῆς στενοκεφαλιᾶς τῶν σωματείων τους.

Ἴσως τά σωματεῖα αὐτά νά προβάλουν τό δικαιολογητικό ὅτι οἱ μεγάλοι θέλουν τούς παῖκτες τζάμπα!

Ἑπτά ἕως ὀκτώ χιλιάδες δολλάρια γιά ἕναν ἀναγνωρισμένο παίκτη στήν Αὐστραλία δέν εἶναι τζάμπα. Ὅταν ὅμως ἀρχίζουν καί ζητοῦν παράλογα ποσά τότε τά σωματεῖα τοῦ Στέντ Λήγκ δέν βοηθοῦν, ἐκβιάζουν τήν κατάσταση καί καταστρέφουν τά τοπικά ταλέντα.

Τί μπορεῖ νά περιμένη ἕνα σωματεῖο του Στέντ Λήγκ σήμερα; Τίποτα παραπάνω ἀπό 150—200 φιλάθλους σέ κάθε ἀγῶνα ἀριθμὸς ἱκανὸς νά ἀπογοητεύση κάθε παίκτη.

Ἴσως προσπαθοῦν νά λύσουν τό οἰκονομικό τους πρόβλημα, ζητώντας ὑπέρογκα ποσά. αἱ στήν μία περίπτωση καθώς καί στή ἄλλη τό θέμα παραμένει, ὅπως προανάφερα ὁ ποδοσφαιριστής καί γιά νά πᾶμε πιό πέρα τό ποδόσφαιρο σ'τῆς χώρας τό ὁποῖο εἶναι ἕτοιμο νά δοκίση μιά ἀνοδική πορεία.

Πάντοτε ἡ στήλη αὐτή ἐπέμεινε καί θά ἐπιμένη στήν ἀξιοποίηση τοῦ τοπικοῦ ποδοσφαιρικοῦ δυναμικοῦ στήν καλιέργεια τῶν ταλέντων πού ὑπάρχουν ἐδῶ. Ἡ εἰσαγωγή παικτῶν γιά μερικά παιγνίδια δέν εἶναι ἡ λύση γιά τήν ἀνάπτυξη τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου στήν Αὐστραλία.

Μόνον μέ τήν προσπάθεια καί συνεργασία ὅλων θά γίνη ἡ Αὐστραλία ποδοσφαιρική δύναμη. Φαίνεται ὅμως ὅτι ὁρισμένοι ποδοσφαιρικοί παράγοντες τῶν σωματείων τοῦ Στέντ Λήνκ ἔχουν διαφορετική γνώμη.

Π. Γεωργίου

# Will big league clubs do the right thing?

**By LES SHORROCK**

**The Cumberland Cup, which got away to a faltering start in 1975, goes on from strength to strength. This year, as a result of the Provisional League's increase to two divisions, no less than 67 clubs will take part.**

The competition, which carries prize money of $2000 and no less than five silver trophies, is made possible by the generosity of Cumberland Newspapers, which also sponsored the Festival Hall five-a-side series at the end of last season.

Each of the four divisional winners gets an area cup and enters the semi-finals, with $250 going to each losing semi-finalist, $500 to the losing finalist and $1000 and the handsome Cup itself to the winner.

**There is an added piquancy to this year's draw, as the four Philips League clubs have entered their Metro League sides and since there is no rule covering this specific contingency, it would be quite possible for them to play their best team.**

Whilst this would be markedly unethical, we have precedents, notably George Cross fielding six or seven first team players to carry off the Armstrong cup for reserves last season.

Let us hope that the big four "play the game" and leave the Cup to the minnows.

In order to make the maximum use of daylight saving and to avoid any possible clash with the first round of the Dockerty Cup, the whole competition has been advanced a fortnight from its original published date.

The preliminary round of three ties is now to be played between February 9 and 12 and the first round between February 16 and 19.

The Eastern Division would look, on paper at least, to be the hardest to win as it contains Metro First Division sides — Springvale City, Box Hill, Melbourne, Waverley City and Croydon City, not to mention Mooroolbark's Second Division side which will be coached by experienced **Hammy McMeechan.**

If I had to have a long range pick at this stage, I would have to go for Box Hill or Waverley City to win this section. After all, Box Hill is the Cup holder.

The Western Division looks strong too, with Albion Rovers, Keilor Austria, Keilor City, St Albans and Western Suburbs all First Division clubs and Footscray J.U.S.T.'s seconds thrown in for good measure.

Albion Rovers would seem to have the best chance here.

The Southern Division has last year's Second Division champion, Dandenong City, which is a doughty Cup fighter, and since it is the only First Division side in this draw, it would seem to have a mortgage on a semi-final place.

Brighton or Doveton would seem to be the only dangers, especially as Doveton has Brian Edgley as coach. Will he play?

I have left the Northern Division to last because it seems the hardest of all to assess.

Both Hellas and Alexander have teams engaged and on revealed form it would appear that their strongest opposition would come from Moreland or Prahran City.

## Cumberland Cup draw

**Preliminary round, February 9-12:**

East Brunswick V Burnley (1), Werribee V Central Altona (2), Bell Park V Geelong (3)

**1st Round February 16-19:**

**WEST:** Melton V Williamstown, St Albans V Thomastown, Winner of (3) V **Footscray** J.U.S.T., Hamlyn Rangers V Sunbury, Western Suburbs V Corio, Winner of (2) V Keilor City, Keilor V Albion Rovers, Ballarat V Ardeer

**NORTH:** Prahran City V Hotham Utd., Fawkner V Hawthorn, Collingwood City V Park Rangers, Winner of (1) V Port Melbourne, University of Melbourne V Carlton, **South Melbourne** Hellas V Essendon City, **Fitzroy** Alexander V Broadmeadows City, Richmond V Moreland

**EAST:** Ringwood Utd. V Springvale City, South Yarra V Doncaster Rovers, Bulleen V Greensborough, Box Hill V Melbourne, North Dandenong V **Mooroolbark**, Knox City V Nunawading City, Caulfield City V West Melbourne, Waverley City V Croydon City

**SOUTH:** Karingal V Dandenong City, Sandringham City V Morwell Falcons, Yallourn V Keysborough, Clayton V Mornington, Monash Univ. V Frankston Pines, Langwarrin V South Dandenong, Brighton V Doveton, Rosebud V Moorabbin

Clubs must agree on a date and time for these matches and BOTH clubs advise the Federation at least ten (10) days before the match so that Referees appointments can be made.

**Former international Hammy McMeechan — new coach of Mooroolbark's Second Division team.**

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**mond v Collingwood City, Doveton v Ferntree Gully.**

**17th WEEK SATURDAY 6th AUGUST: Ferntree Gully v Richmond, Collingwood City v Bell Park, Footscray v Doveton, Fitzroy Utd. v Sth. Melbourne, Eltham v Moreland, Brighton v Mooroolbark Utd.**

**18th WEEK SATURDAY 13th AUGUST: Footscray v Brighton, Mooroolbark Utd. v Eltham, Moreland v Fitzroy Utd., Sth. Melbourne v Collingwood City, Bell Park v Ferntree Gully, Doveton v Richmond.**

**19th WEEK SATURDAY 20th AUGUST: Richmond v Bell Park, Brighton v Doveton, Ferntree Gully v Sth. Melbourne, Collingwood City v Moreland, Fitzroy Utd. v Mooroolbark Utd., Eltham v Footscray.**

**20th WEEK SATURDAY 27th AUGUST: Brighton v Eltham, Footscray v Fitzroy Utd., Mooroolbark Utd. v Collingwood City, Moreland v Ferntree Gully, Sth. Melbourne v Richmond, Doveton v Bell Park.**

**21st WEEK SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER: Eltham v Doveton, Bell Park v Sth. Melbourne, Ferntree Gully v Mooroolbark Utd., Collingwood City v Footscray, Fitzroy Utd. v Brighton, Richmond v Moreland.**

**22nd WEEK SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER: Eltham v Fitzroy Utd., Brighton v Collingwood City, Footscray v Ferntree Gully, Mooroolbark Utd. v Richmond, Moreland v Bell Park, Sth. Melbourne v Doveton.**

# WOMEN'S SOCCER

**With GINA MARTIN**

**I hear that Melton are having their ground at Melton South re-surfaced. The girls have started training at McPherson's Park.**

It's good news to hear that Colleen Phillips will be back with Melton after a year's lay-off with disc trouble.

Trudi Reissman will also be making a comeback after a knee injury. Apparently Melton have quite a few young players, together with an enthusiastic new coach and a very hardworking team of committee members.

Congratulations to Jean Timms who is expecting her second child.

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Congratulations also to Sue Parker who will become Mrs Vito Giarruso on February 12. Sue will continue in goal for Werribee with the enthusiastic snpport of Vito.

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Dandenong will enter a team in the 5-a-side competition and although they did not play 5-a-side last season, they will be a force to be reckoned with, especially with the talent of Theresa Jones in goal and Margaret Rust in the shooting position, to name but two of their players.

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Springvale, formerly Pegasus, have several new girls interested in playing and are an unknown quality.

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Waverley hope to be entering a team this year, again an unknown quality, but full of enthusiasm.

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Greensborough have a new coach who has quite a record behind him in coaching qualifications, and who is hoping to maintain the high standard expected of Boro, though I hear they will be losing a few players.

Joan Ball, at the age of 42, has finally decided to hang up her boots.

Well done Joan, and I'm sure she'll still be on the sidelines supporting.

Jan Indian and Debbie Adams will be off on a world tour and sadly missed by Boro.

# Ruecroft coach of Moorabbin

**Dennis Ruecroft, formerly of Park Rangers, is the new coach of Victorian Third Division club Moorabbin City. His assistant is Ron Sharp.**

Moorabbin will start under 10 and under 11 teams this year and is hoping to hear from parents and children willing to help or play.

Training is on Wednesdays at Victory Park, Patterson Road, Moorabbin, and games are on Sunday mornings.

# $32,000 JOB

**LIVERPOOL. — Newcastle United boss Gordon Lee has been appointed manager of struggling English First Division club Everton and so inherits a side worth over £1.5 million sterling ($2.37 million Aust.).**

**Lee, 42, whose salary is £20,000 sterling ($31,600 Aust.), replaces Billy Bingham, who was sacked almost three weeks ago. Since then Everton failed to win in four games under a caretaker manager, coach Steve Burtenshaw. — AAP.**

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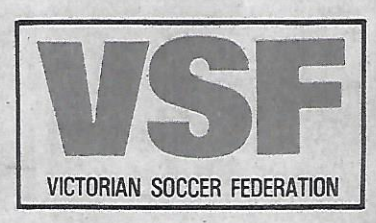


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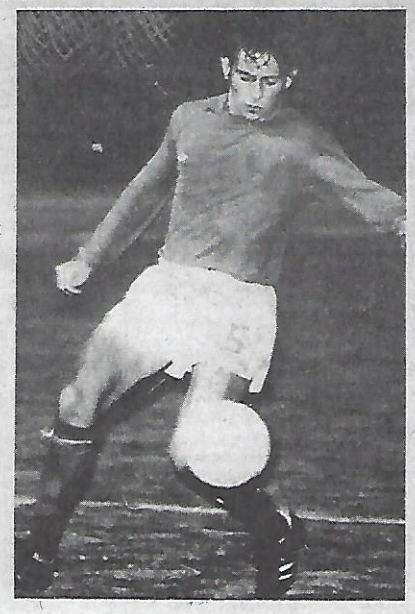

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